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Not flush enough for loos

Council is caught short over price of spending a penny

BY JESSICA DUNCAN

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A ROW has broken out following a multi-million pound revamp which has still left people cross-legged at Milton Keynes Central Station.

A war of words has erupted between Milton Keynes Council (MKC) and CMK Town Council over who should put in public toilets at the station, which has just undergone a £2.5million revamp.

There is now doubt over whether the quarter of a million pound loos will ever be put in after MKC said the town council should install them, but the authority said it can't afford to provide them.

Dr Rebecca Kurth, chairman of the town council, said: "It is absolutely not our responsibility to provide toilets at Station Square. Like any other town council we provide public toilets, but in this case it would be patently absurd.

"Why should just 3,000 CMK residents have to pay out for public conveniences at a station used by tens of thousands of visitors a day?

"Our entire annual income from residents is only £50,000 but to install two self-cleaning public toilets would cost more than £200,000 and maintaining them would cost about £50,000 a year.

"We have been trying to find sensible solutions but so far this has proved either too expensive or impractical."

MKC leader, Andrew Geary, said: "We realise this is a sensitive issue and we're doing what we can.

"We have been supporting the town council, the city centre management team and other stakeholders in their efforts as the provision of toilets is typically a town council responsibility."

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MKC was responsible for the station revamp, which included better pedestrian access, cycling shelters, a new bus stop area and taxi facilities. Although pipes were put in for toilets, they were not part of the plans.

The only nearby toilets are in Costa and Subway on either side of the station, which have been inundated with people who have been caught short. Przemek Kaniecki, team leader at Costa, said: "I think something should have been done about toilets, it's a busy station."

Local groups representing bus users and the elderly were so surprised to discover toilets were not part of the revamp they have now come together to try and find a way of raising money to pay for them.

Peter Ballantyne, chairman of the Milton Keynes Bus Users Group, said: "There are still many hurdles to overcome, including planning permission, but we are determined to get this important service provided at a key gateway to the city."

Vital report on MK launched

AN ONLINE report looking at local issues and examining how residents feel about Milton Keynes has been launched.

The MK Community Foundation launched Vital Signs yesterday after 600 people took part in a survey which asked them what they care about most.

Among the key findings were that 67 per cent of people felt that Milton Keynes is a friendly place, although 12 areas in the city are among the top 10 per cent most deprived in the country.

We are also an area with a great mix of industries and in November 2012 MK was rated as the nation's top city for job growth, manufacturing and retail by an Experian report.

Julia Upton, CEO of MK Community Foundation, said: "The report highlights many things we have to celebrate, but there are other areas we need to improve.

"We hope that Vital Signs will open up discussion."

New name: CPEC in Coffee Hall has been renamed Bridge Academy this week

Threats and abuse common at centre

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MK NEWS has been inundated with calls this week regarding incidents at an education centre in Central Milton Keynes.

As we exclusively revealed last week, teachers and pupils were fearing for their safety because students were running riot at the Central Personalised Education Centre (CPEC) in Coffee Hall.

Shortly after our article was published, the centre was closed after a gang threw stones at staff, injuring a teacher. It finally reopened yesterday after being renamed Bridge Academy.

Numerous parents, concerned partners of staff and former employees have contacted this paper to talk about their experiences.

Upset stepmother, Georgina McMahon, said students had threatened to stab her stepson.

She said: "He was shut in a room with teachers as other students tried to bang down the door and threatened to stab him. When we went to a meeting with teachers we were also threatened by the kids."

A concerned partner of one of the members of staff, who wished to remain anonymous, said: "The biggest problem is that the management have no concept of what staff have to go through every day. The staff feel threatened and are incredibly abused. There's going to be a tragedy."

It has been claimed the situation has been caused because the Milton Keynes Behaviour Partnership has not provided enough staff.

The Bridge Academy has joined together all the personalised education centres in the area and has taken over responsibility for staff.

■ A 15-year-old boy has been arrested on suspicion of assault following last Wednesday's attack.

Mother and sons rescued

FIREFIGHTERS rescued a mother and her two boys who were trapped upstairs after an early morning fire broke out in their home.

Three crews were called to the fire, in a mid-terrace house in Pevers Lane, Weston Underwood, shortly after 3am on Monday.

They used a ladder to help them down from a first-floor window because they could not escape through the smoke downstairs.

All three were taken to hospital suffering from the effects of breathing smoke.

Nine people were evacuated from two adjacent houses while firefighters put out the blaze.

Station manager, Nick Honor, who attended the incident, said: "Neither of their smoke alarms were working because they did not have batteries in them.

"Fortunately the mother was woken when she heard a crackling noise coming from downstairs. The most likely cause of the fire was a spark or radiated heat from a fire within the fireplace, igniting a nearby sofa."

A sign of the future?: Barriers at Woburn Sands and Bow Brickhill could be down a lot longer

Fears over rail crossing plans

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EXTRA trains could close barriers at two Milton Keynes rail crossings for up to 40 minutes every hour.

And some businesses believe their trade will be hit unless a solution can be found.

As part of the East-West rail project, more trains are scheduled to be on the line at Woburn Sands and Bow Brickhill in 2017 to encourage more people to commute by rail.

But with up to 10 trains an hour passing through the town and village, the crossing points would be closed for a lot longer than the current seven minutes an hour.

James Frost, managing director at Frosts Garden Centre in Woburn Sands, which is located close to the crossing point, fears for the future of his business.

"It would be disastrous if they were down for that length of time," he said.

"You don't need to be Einstein to work out that it would put our business at risk."

Kim Sheppard, general manager at The Swan pub, said: "It would have a massive impact on us."

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Network Rail says the project is in its infancy and a task force has been set up to examine crossings.

A statement said: "The scheme to reinstate the western section of the East-West rail link – re-connecting Oxford, Bedford, Milton Keynes and Aylesbury – is still in early development.

"The entire scope of work required should be fully understood within the coming months.

"We welcome the input of the local community to help us find the right solutions."

MKNEWS BRIEFS

Play day for Henry

A CHILDREN'S entertainment centre is holding a play day to raise funds for the Henry Allen Appeal. 360 Play will open its premises in Roebuck Way, Knowlhill, on October 9 from 6-8pm. Tickets cost £3 for children and £1 for adults. Henry, four, is battling neuroblastoma, a rare cancer that affects the nervous system.

Burglars target home

A GAMES console was stolen when burglars struck at a house in Bletchley. They forced their way in through the front door of the home in North Street and took a Samsung Galaxy S2. Police are appealing for witnesses to the burglary, which took place between 9.45am and 10.30am last Wednesday. Anyone with information should call Detective Constable Wendy Cissell on 101.

Shock at city murder arrest

RESIDENTS in Conniburrow were left stunned after a man was arrested for a North London murder on Monday.

Detectives investigating the murder of Zafer Eren in Southgate had been trying to trace Jamie Marsh-Smith.

The 22-year-old was arrested in Germander Place following a Metropolitan Police operation supported by Thames Valley Police. He remains in custody at a central London police station.

Another man, aged 20, was arrested at the same time on suspicion of assisting an offender.

He remains in custody at a police station in the Thames Valley Police area.

One neighbour said: "We were told by police not to come out of the house and they couldn't tell us what it was about.

"There was lots of noise and then we spotted the officers with guns. It was surreal."

Service may have funds cut

MILTON Keynes Council has said it is 'committed' to helping a city music service – even though it could cut its annual funding.

The Music Service and Adult Continuing Education (ACE) has given high quality education to hundreds of youngsters, as well as teaching them to play instruments.

A council spokesman said: "A staged removal over three years of financial support from the council was agreed as part of the 2013/14 budget.

"We are currently consulting with staff on a new smaller senior management team structure."

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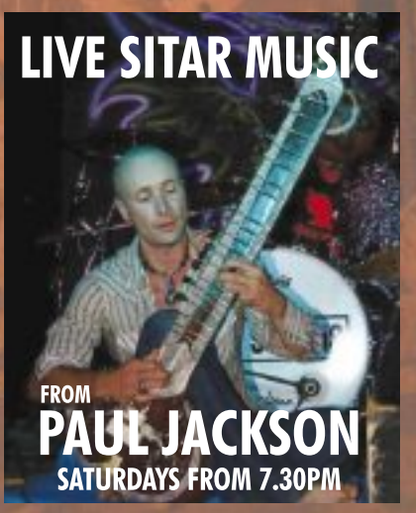

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Kids have been 'failed'

WITH regards to your story 'Trouble teens are running riot at centre' (*MK NEWS, September 25*).

This is terrible. I know that the staff work hard and are under staffed and the management have to be held accountable.

Staff are being told to teach subjects they have no experience in – I wouldn't want my child being taught like this.

Staff are getting verbally abused by the students every day and they are offered no support. There is a lack of leadership from the top.

It's an awful situation and management talk the talk but do not deliver and this is the result.

They don't have to deal with the day to day verbal abuse, criminal damage and total chaos.

There were nearly 40 kids sent home last week because they couldn't keep them under control.

Management you have FAILED the kids and your staff.

Name and address supplied

Residents feel cheated

IS IT any wonder residents at the new development in Stratford Park, Wolverton, are up in arms about the proposal by Radcliffe School to build a BMX track at the end of their gardens (*MK NEWS September 25 and 18*), for in spite of searches carried out when buying, purchasers' inquiries were met by developers and solicitors with 'we are not aware of any proposed development'.

Apparently this was because a formal application had not been made, although there are now admissions that this was always on the cards and plans appear to be at an advanced stage.

The fenced area between the school boundary and the properties was described as a buffer zone, 'a segment of land between two disparate areas to keep one zone from encroaching upon the other'.

Not unreasonable, then, for a buyer to assume that as the school playing fields and the houses were so different in kind, this was its purpose and would therefore remain for that purpose.

Matters have not been helped by the headmaster of Radcliffe School stating that although designed for seven-day usage the track would not be floodlit, so there should be no activity after 9pm. He also hopes the track becomes a centre for the sport.

He says this as though these points make it a real deal clincher, when in fact it serves to confirm residents' worst fears.

When people buy a home with a garden, it is not unreasonable to expect that they will be able to put their children to bed and relax and enjoy the pleasures a garden brings, neither of which will be possible with a seven day, all daylight hours BMX track on the other side of the fence. A token sapling placed upon the school side of the fence offers no respite.

Had the BMX plans not been kept under wraps prospective purchasers could have made an informed choice. Could the reason for the low key approach be the development might suffer were the true use planned for the buffer zone known?

To wait until now to go public with such a contentious proposal appears at best to be naive, or at worst deceitful, selfish and inconsiderate. Is it any surprise the new homeowners feel cheated and oppose planning permission?

There are vast playing fields attached to Radcliffe School that could incorporate a BMX track within the perimeter fences away from the homes.

Still if we looking for the positives in this at least the children of Butter Row won't complain, distracted by the noise they can look out of their bedroom window and take their mind off their homework!

A Hinchliffe
Sent via email

Supporting BMX track

ON THE subject of Scott Clenaghan's protest against the plans to construct a BMX track at The Radcliffe School (*Letters, MK NEWS, September 25*).

Although the point is made that potential damage may occur to the properties in Butter Row, I would like to point out that protective fencing will be placed around the track and that the BMX community are not burglars.

My father and eight-year-old brother both compete at a high level and are somewhat offended by the remark. Is the Astroturf not providing these problems as well?

On the subject of local wildlife, the BMX track will not destroy any habitats and new saplings will be planted around the track, thus introducing new ones and enhancing the local wildlife.

Noise pollution would only occur during the actual construction of the track and this will be carried out in a short period of time. If you live in Butter Row are you not surrounded by construction sites that cause high levels of noise pollution?

Instead of lowering property values, the track would invite new residents and provide the area with better community and recreational areas.

Finley Barrass
Radcliffe School student

Make a play for items

I READ with interest the article '£50k grant for play park' in last week's MK NEWS.

Louise Reidy is perfectly welcome to the nearly new play equipment that has sat unused in our neighbourhood for more than two-and-a-half years.

As I'm sure you are aware following coverage in MK NEWS, Milton Keynes Council tried to squeeze a large adventure play park in to a very small area between houses in a then new Middleton development.

This came as a great surprise to residents living there since planning permission had only been given for a very small toddler play area.

Unsurprisingly, the residents suffered serious anti-social behaviour as a direct result. The adventure park was also placed in the middle of a roundabout which resulted in exposing children to dangerous road hazards and was therefore, subsequently closed.

I have it on good authority that the play equipment is now surplus to requirements and is looking for a new home.

It includes a roundabout and a treehouse, which I noted Louise hoped to secure for her site. Further, judging by the photograph that accompanies the article the site looks very well suited for such a play area.

Unfortunately, £50k doesn't go very far these days, so I am sure that Milton Keynes Council and the developer, who still owns the equipment, will be only too happy to donate it to such a worthy cause and will pull out all the usual bureaucratic stops to do so.

I think that councillors of both wards would also welcome the opportunity to support their local communities.

I know from experience that both our councillors, John Bint and Peter McDonald, would happily do all they can to help make Louise's dream a reality.

I am sure they will be able to convince the cash strapped council that it's the right thing to do; not only on behalf of the taxpayer but also for the good of Louise's community.

T Harrison
Middleton

Mark's Work Focus

MP serves up a treat on the wards

HOSPITAL food is key for a speedy recovery but it often gets a bad press.

On a recent visit to the hospital I joined the catering team and saw first hand how good Milton Keynes Hospital's food was and the enormous effort the team there are putting in to dispelling the myth around patient meals being so bad.

What was most surprising for me was the huge variety of meals the team has to create.

With all sorts of dietary requirements including gluten free, vegetarian, halal, sugar free (the list goes on) the team has its work cut out.

With all the meals in the hospital having to be served within a two-and-a-half hour period, it is run like a military operation.

Each member of the team had their own job and it worked like a well-oiled machine, getting the different meals out to everyone as quickly as possible.

Using different coloured trays to show which was a 'special' meal they didn't once get it mixed up while I was there and they certainly worked quickly. The salad preparation was somewhat masterful – I am not sure I have ever seen so much salad in one place or knives chop so quick!

I was pleased to be put to work, helping serving patients in the wards. And while I am not sure I was quite who people expected on the wards, the food was very gratefully received by all the patients.

So should you ever have to eat in the hospital let me assure you it will far exceed your expectations as the brilliant team behind it work tirelessly to make the patients' stay in hospital more enjoyable.

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Work underway: The redevelopment of the ice rink at the Leisure Plaza is currently taking place

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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RESIDENTS will be able to have an 'ice' time when a new rink opens in the city at the end of the month.

The former Waitrose store inside the Food Hall in Midsummer Boulevard is being transformed into an ice skating rink, which will be open to the public from October 28.

The 40m x 20m facility will be run by volunteers from not-for-profit body MKIce.

It will be open for a year so that no-one misses out while the city's main ice rink at the Leisure Plaza is shut for redevelopment.

The project has been funded by thecentre:mk owners Hermes Real Estate Investment Management Limited (HREIML), Milton Keynes Council (MKC) and The National Hockey Foundation (NHF).

MKC is providing a £50,000 short-term loan and the NHF is expected to pay the money back to the authority.

The agreement between the three organisations means MKIce can move into its temporary home rent-free.

Dave Fairhurst, chairman of MKIce, said: "I cannot thank the organisations enough for making this scheme a reality. Together it has enabled us to order the rink and some equipment arrived yesterday to enable us to start work today."

The move will also secure the immediate future of youth ice skating clubs, including MK Storm and the MK Figure Skating Club, which will train at the rink.

NHF chairman Tony Billson said: "Enabling grass root participants to have somewhere to pursue their sport is key and many hundreds, if not thousands, of people will benefit from this news."

The rink's official opening will be on November 2.

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Jobs axe criticised

A RAIL union has criticised Network Rail over plans to axe 750 jobs to meet Government cuts. Manuel Cortes, leader of TSSA, believes it will hit senior safety roles ahead of an enquiry into the safety of level crossings run by Network Rail, which has its HQ in MK. "We think bosses should cut their own £5million bonus plan before they start cutting the jobs of key staff," said Mr Cortes.

Food Bank's appeal

MILTON Keynes Food Bank is urging schools, companies and other organisations to collect long-life food items during the harvest season. The charity is facing a 42 per cent increase in the number of food parcels it is distributing compared to this time last year and says stock for certain items is not keeping up with demand.

Keith will get compensation

A MAN wrongly sent to prison for perverting the course of justice in the Rachel Manning murder case will finally be given compensation.

Keith Hyatt, 60, was convicted in 2002 for helping dispose of the teenager's body alongside Rachel's boyfriend Barri White, who was jailed for her murder.

The duo were eventually acquitted at Luton Crown Court in 2008 and have been seeking compensation from the Ministry of Justice ever since.

Keith told MK NEWS: "I don't know the amount yet and I don't know when I will get it, but it's been signed off.

"I've never been interested in the fact the Government are short on cash.

"I wanted the right amount of compensation for the 13 years of absolute hell that they put me through."

Thumbs up for Agora plans

MORE than 90 per cent of people that took part in a consultation on the future of Wolverton's Agora have said they are in favour of redeveloping the site.

People were asked for their views on the draft development brief that sets out a list of requirements for the site and its adjacent car park.

Plans include improved retail units, housing provision for older people and retaining the Co-Op and Post Office.

Marie Osborne, from Future Wolverton, said: "This is what the majority of local residents have wanted for more than 30 years and we look forward to working closely in partnership with Milton Keynes Council."

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Time for reflection: Pete Winkelman in front of stadiummk and the MK1 Shopping Park

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A decade since the big kick-off

BY SCOTT KIRK
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THE goal was to bring professional football to Milton Keynes.

Ten years later the city has netted a League One team, 32,000-seater stadium, new shops and a soon-to-be-opened leisure park.

And to mark the milestone, key figures in the community have been highlighting how football has changed MK, *see below*.

The big kick-off took place on Saturday, September 27, 2003 when Wimbledon entertained Burnley at the National Hockey Stadium in a 2-2 draw.

Since then, the club has been renamed MK Dons and stadiummk, which will host three Rugby World Cup matches in 2015, has been built.

"It has been an incredible journey," said Pete Winkelman, chairman of MK Dons and the visionary behind the scheme.

"Finishing the stadium has been a major milestone and it was much harder to achieve than I thought it would be.

"There have been a lot of highs and obviously the Queen opening the stadium in 2007 was right up there.

"Going to Wembley and taking 25,000 fans was another.

"Relegation in the early years was very hard, but we have a plan coming together now and we're about halfway there."

"I can be proud of the MK Dons Sport and Education Trust, which has gone from strength to strength, and it's so much more than football at stadiummk on a Saturday."

He added his next task is to build a training ground for MK Dons.

Start of a new era: Wimbledon v Burnley 10 years ago

THE HIGHLIGHTS

- 2003 – Wimbledon draw 2-2 with Burnley in first MK match
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"HAVING football here has raised the profile of Milton Keynes amazingly over the last 10 years.

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Carys Underwood, marketing manager, Destination MK

"MILTON Keynes owes a debt of gratitude to Pete Winkelman.

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Man locked up after stabbing

BY JAMES AVERILL
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QUICK-THINKING members of the public have been praised by police for helping save the life of a teenager who was stabbed.

The attack was also witnessed by several children and their parents who police say have been left 'traumatised' by the incident.

The comments were made after Kyle Fabian, 20, of Marina Drive, Wolverton, was sent to prison for six years after pleading guilty to an offence of wounding at Aylesbury Crown Court last Monday.

His co-defendant, Brendan Powell, 18, of Western Road, Wolverton, was given an eight month suspended jail sentence after admitting to grievous bodily harm.

The attack took place on a footpath off Windsor Street in Wolverton at 3.30pm on Sunday, August 4.

Behind bars: Kyle Fabian

Fabian and Powell got into an argument with the victim, a 19-year-old man, which escalated into a fight.

The teenager was stabbed and the pair ran off, sparking a search by a Thames Valley Police helicopter.

He suffered four life-threatening puncture wounds to his chest and was airlifted to John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford.

Speaking after the sentencing, Detective Constable John Swallow, of Force CID, praised the public for their help.

He said: "The attack took place on a busy, sunny Sunday afternoon.

"The victim, who was airlifted to hospital, owes his life to the quick-thinking members of public and emergency services.

"The severity of the victim's injuries was reflected in the sentences passed.

"It was witnessed by many children and their parents, who have been left traumatised by the incident.

"Thankfully these types of incidents are rare in Milton Keynes.

"I would like to thank all the witnesses who came forward as their courage has resulted in the successful convictions of these two defendants."

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MK Havard sued by USA Harvard

Not intimidated: Dr Tina Beloveth Powerful says that Havard has done nothing wrong

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE president of a tiny school in Milton Keynes said she is 'shocked' it is being sued by one of the world's leading universities for having a similar name.

The Rev Dr Tina Beloveth Powerful from Havard School said she won't be intimidated by Harvard University in America.

The university, which has been attended by eight presidents, including Barack Obama, is claiming its copyright is being infringed and its reputation 'threatened' at London's High Court.

But Dr Beloveth Powerful has told MK NEWS she feels her time is 'being wasted' in what has been dubbed by some as a David vs Goliath battle.

"We first heard from them in February 2012 saying that we were infringing their copyright. It was completely bizarre," she said.

"We've tried to negotiate outside of court with them but we haven't reached an agreement."

The school, which has campuses in Ascot House, North Third Street, and Christ the Cornerstone, offers diplomas such as business and IT to young students in the area, as well as a number of online students abroad.

Dr Beloveth Powerful says the school has done nothing wrong and has issued a £2million counter-claim.

"We have followed all the procedures correctly," she said. "The school is named after my Nigerian grandfather Havard Agu, it has nothing to do with Harvard.

"They are bullies and are wasting our time. If they want us to change the name they can pay us £2million for all the advertising we have done with Havard on it."

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Work set to start on 6,500 homes

BY JAMES AVERILL
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BUILDING work on thousands of new homes will start next year, it has been announced this week.

Milton Keynes Council says the first phase of construction work on the Western Expansion Area – which includes 6,500 homes – is set to begin in early 2014.

It comes the week after the authority was slammed for the number of families being 'illegally' housed in temporary accommodation, which it blamed on the lack of new homes being built in the area.

The first homes are expected to be built early next year after two new junctions have been put in the south east section of the site near Crownhill and Two Mile Ash.

But Councillor John Hawthorn, who represents the Stony Stratford ward, is still angry about some of the decisions. He is concerned that pedestrian crossings are being put on busy grid roads instead of underpasses.

He said: "The biggest concern of local residents is the local grid road crossings. A recent report has allowed council officers to recommend that a crossing should be used along H4, Dansteed Way, plus a couple of bridges on V4, Watling Street."

Campaign: Cllr John Hawthorn wants to see safer crossings

Clearing access routes for entrance points to and from the H4 and V4 grid roads has already taken place. And in the early part of next year, a further two access routes from the V4 will also be opened up for entry into the northern part of the site.

Cllr Edith Bald, the council's cabinet member for housing, said: "It's great news that work is going to begin.

"Previous planning policy that was unsuitable for developments has led to a shortage of housing.

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stadiummk nets an England U21 game

BY SCOTT KIRK
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AN ENGLAND U21 match will take place at stadiummk next month when the Young Lions entertain Finland in a UEFA European Championship qualifier.

Gareth Southgate's side will continue their qualifying campaign for Czech Republic 2015 on Thursday, November 14.

It will be the third time the Young Lions have played at stadiummk.

On their first visit to Milton Keynes in September 2007, England U21s beat Bulgaria 2-0 in front of 20,222 fans with Arsenal's Theo Walcott and Man City duo James Milner and Joe Hart in the team.

They returned in June 2009 when they brushed aside Azerbaijan 7-0.

On that night Hart, former Bolton player Fabrice Muamba, Everton's Jack Rodwell, Mark Noble, Danny Rose and Fraizer Campbell were all in action.

Celebrating: Jack Rodwell and Kieran Gibbs against Azerbaijan

MK Dons' chairman, Pete Winkelman, said: "This is fantastic news. We're really pleased that Gareth Southgate's men are coming to stadiummk.

"We want to get as many people from Milton Keynes down for the game as we can."

Tickets for the match, which kicks off at 7.45pm, are £10 for adults, £5 for concessions and £20 for a family from www.mkdons.com or 01908 622900.

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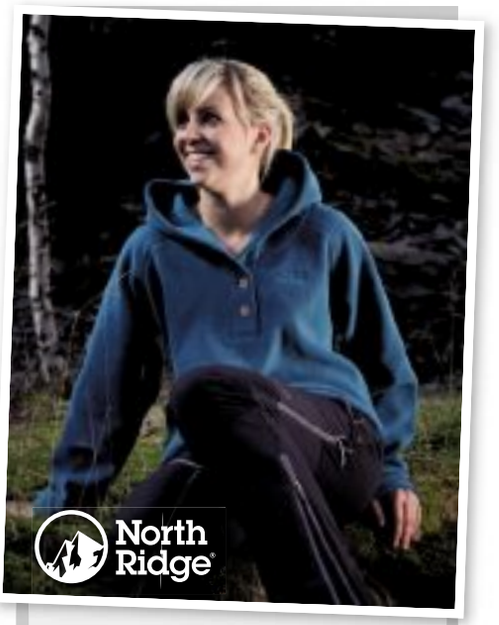

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St Francis' Children's Society is extending its offices in Woolstone and needs the money to buy furniture, specialist therapy equipment, toys and resources to build a sensory garden.

The charity has already raised £400,000 from grants, fundraising and sponsorship.

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A new era: Work starts on expanding St Francis'

Half of city at risk of being poisoned

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THOUSANDS of the city's residents are putting themselves at risk of carbon monoxide poisoning, according to new figures.

There are 126,000 people – half the estimated 252,000 population of MK – who don't have an alarm in their home to warn them when levels of the potentially lethal gas are too high.

There is also widespread confusion about the alarms. Of those without a carbon monoxide detector, 44 per cent said it was because they already have a smoke alarm, indicating many people don't realise they don't detect the gas.

The research was carried out by the Carbon Monoxide – Be Alarmed! campaign, run by Energy UK, which works to cut the number of deaths caused by carbon monoxide.

The findings were revealed after it became compulsory in Scotland to install a carbon monoxide alarm when a new fuel-burning appliance is fitted.

The Department of Health estimates 4,000 people are treated in hospital and 40 are killed by carbon monoxide poisoning each year, despite alarms costing as little as £15.

Dr Rob Hicks, who supports the campaign, said: "People wouldn't dream of not having a smoke alarm – it really should be the same with carbon monoxide alarms."

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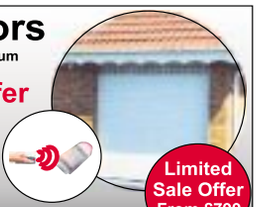

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‘Hell hole’ hut gets new look

BY JAMES AVERILL
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Comeback: Veterans with current staff at the reopened Hut 11

A HUT used by codebreakers at Bletchley Park has been reopened following a major makeover funded by one of its veterans.

Hut 11, which was home to several Bombe machines used to help crack German codes, now features video projections and interactive games which give visitors the chance to replicate some of the activities of the workers.

The work has been funded by a £250,000 legacy left by Bletchley Park veteran, Maureen Jones.

The hut was nicknamed the ‘hell hole’ due to the working conditions by the Women’s Royal Naval Service (WRENS), who operated the machines that helped speed up the process of breaking the daily Enigma codes.

Quotes from the women describing their time at Bletchley Park and its outstations form the foundation of the exhibition.

Veteran WREN Ruth Bourne, 87, returned to the hut where she used to work for the reopening on Thursday.

“It recaptures the feel and atmosphere quite well and the lighting is very similar, although it flickered when I was working there,” she told MK NEWS.

“I joined in 1944 and it was my first job straight out of school.

“You had to be 100 per cent accurate when you were working the machines because if you weren’t the work everyone else was doing would be wasted.”

Steve Lumby, who designed the exhibition, said: “It’s about getting the story right.

“It’s a great help that you can go back to the original source because so many of them are still alive.

“The exhibition allows their voices to be heard.”

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Homing in on new extension

A GRADE II-listed community centre in Stony Stratford is having the finishing touches done to its new extension.

The York House Centre, a three-storey Georgian building, has a new meeting and activity room, kitchen and servery.

The project was boosted by getting half its funding (£116,000) from Barratts Homes, which built 45 new homes nearby.

Chairman of trustees, Ken Daniels, said he was 'really pleased' with the extension.

Shaking on it: Katrin Eindorf-Hill, sales manager at Barratt Northampton, and Ken Daniels at York House

On track for more train stops in city

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CONROVERSIAL plans for a new high speed rail line could result in 26 extra trains stopping in Milton Keynes every day.

This is according to a report by KPMG, which insists the multi-billion pound High Speed 2 (HS2) will ease pressure on currently overcrowded commuter trains from Milton Keynes Central to London Euston.

The Government commissioned the accountancy and advisory firm, which has an office in CMK, to write the report on the scheme, which would slice through rural Buckinghamshire on its way from London to the north.

MP Iain Stewart, a member of the parliamentary transport select committee, said: "It is right to point out that a benefit of HS2 is freeing up more space on the West Coast Line to provide more commuter trains. Many trains are already packed and a growing population will increase pressure. Without HS2, there is a real danger that stations like Milton Keynes Central will see services restricted to make room for express intercity services that do not stop."

Alan Francis, a committee member of the Milton Keynes Rail Users Group, said: "There will be more options for train users in Milton Keynes.

"HS2 is controversial but it will have a positive impact for some people."

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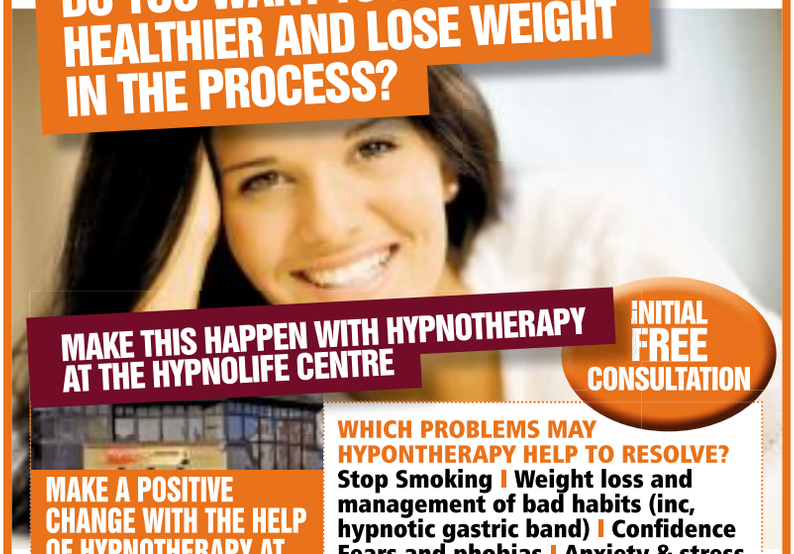

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Learning vital skills

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A CHARITY is urging more people in the city to learn skills that can help save lives.

St John Ambulance is holding first aid courses at its teaching centres in Greenleys and Furzton as part of its Help The Boy campaign.

After the charity released shocking statistics that revealed 33 per cent of parents in MK lack the skills to be able to save a child in the event of a life-threatening accident, MK NEWS went along to find out more.

Tutor: Iain Wood gives a demo

One of the people taking part in a course at Furzton with first aid trainers Iain Wood and Kevin Giddings was John Roberts, 44, from Wolverton, who has 11 children and 18 grandchildren.

He said: "It's human nature to want to help, but to be able to help and know how to do it is different.

"You often see how to do the recovery position on TV and you know what it looks like but you don't want to attempt it because you don't know how to do it properly.

"I was faced with this when I saw a young man having an epileptic fit on a redway in Milton Keynes.

"I ran over to help him and I knew of the recovery position but I didn't know how to do it properly.

"Luckily a first aider also saw and came over on her bike.

"Being able to help my children, but also in the work place, would make a huge difference.

"Every minute counts and it would be great to be able to assist."

The Save The Boy campaign includes a TV advert and You Tube video showing a distraught father unable to help his unconscious son after he falls from a tree.

Since it was launched last month, more than 83,000 people have watched the You Tube video.

St John Ambulance is hoping the campaign will lead to more parents signing up for first aid course, like mum Clare Dolan, 37, from Walnut Tree.

She said: "My eight-year-old son plays football and you know what kids are like, things can happen any time and if you came across an accident would you really be able to do something?

"Even for minor things like cuts and broken bones it's good to know what you are doing.

"It really makes you feel less helpless as a parent if you know what to do in any situation.

"I was quite nervous about the course today, however, the more you practice it, the more confident you get."

The centres offer a range of courses, including first aid for schools and businesses.

They vary between one and three days and usually run from 9am-4.30pm.

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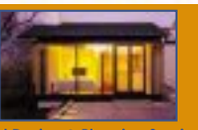

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Move to ease A&E pressure

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PATIENTS could be saved a trip to A&E after a new minor injuries treatment scheme was set up in the city.

A host of GP practices have signed up to the scheme, started by the Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group (CGC), which offers treatment for ailments like sprains to hands, arms, legs and feet, minor bruises and burns, such as scaldings, and cuts, wounds, scratches and bumps to the head.

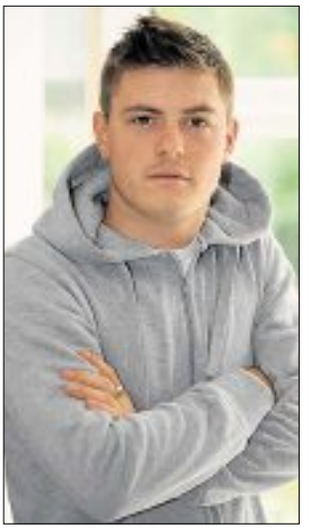
The CCG has said care will be provided by 'reassuring staff in a familiar setting' with appointments being given on the day.

It is the latest initiative by the NHS to stop needless trips to A&E and follows the Choose Well campaign.

Dr Luke James, a partner at Newport Pagnell Medical Centre and a GP board member of the CCG, said: "I think it is reassuring for patients to know that their local GP practice is in a position to help them deal with minor injuries that would otherwise mean a journey to the MK Urgent Care Centre or A&E.

"People are seen quickly by familiar faces in a place they know."

The CCG has stressed patients should continue to go to A&E in serious or life-threatening emergencies, including suspected bone fractures, loss of consciousness, persistent, severe chest pain, breathing difficulties and bleeding that won't stop.



Jamming: Rapper Lucan Mills

Lucan hopes to 'rap' up contest

A CITY rapper has beaten off competition to reach the next stage of a prestigious contest.

Lucan Mills, 24, from Bradwell, who has performed with the likes of Ed Sheeran, is in the Open Mic Regional Finals 2013 after impressing the judges in his audition.

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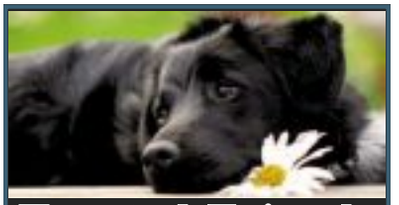

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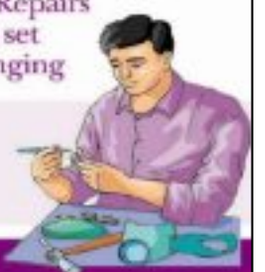

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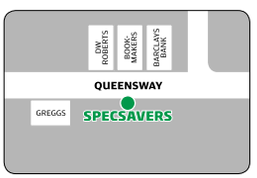

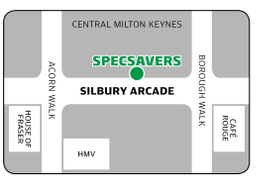

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FBU: 'There may be more strikes'

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A STRIKE by firefighters has been hailed a success but union officials have warned there could be more on the way.

Firefighters across Milton Keynes walked out in a row over plans by the Government to raise the retirement age to 60 and make changes to pensions.

Crews, including those in Great Holm, Broughton and Newport Pagnell, held picket lines outside their stations during the four-hour strike last Wednesday.

A firefighter from Broughton said: "The Government's own medical report shows two thirds of those in work won't achieve retirement age."

Another from Newport Pagnell added: "Do the public want to be rescued by a 60-year-old firefighter in their hour of need?"

Ricky Matthews, executive council member for the Fire Brigade Union's (FBU) southern region, said: "I think the strikes went very well. We had a picket line at each station and they were well attended.

A heated debate: Firefighters on strike outside Broughton station

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"Some stations did leafletting in the local community to let them know the issues.

"I hope we will now have a moment of calm to reflect on last Wednesday's strike. We will be engaging with the fire services minister, Brandon Lewis, to see if there is any way of negotiating a way out, however, I have no doubt if he is unwilling to negotiate there will be future strikes.

"The greatest concern for firefighters is that they will have no job or pension if they are dismissed for being old.

"Firefighters are always on the frontline. They are cutting into cars and wearing breathing apparatus to run into fires. There are no back room jobs for firefighters in Bucks who at aged 60 can't match operational fitness."

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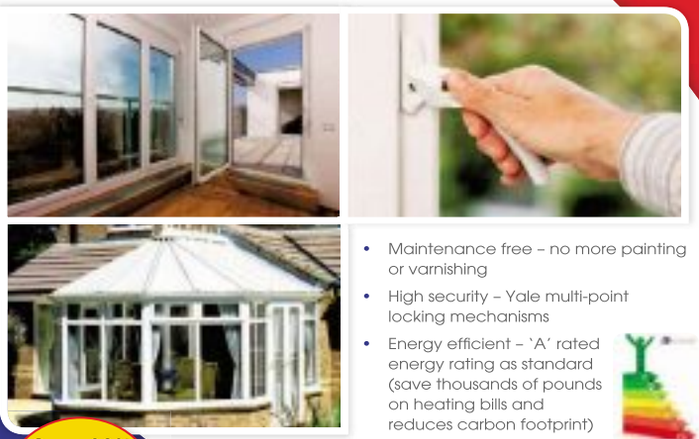

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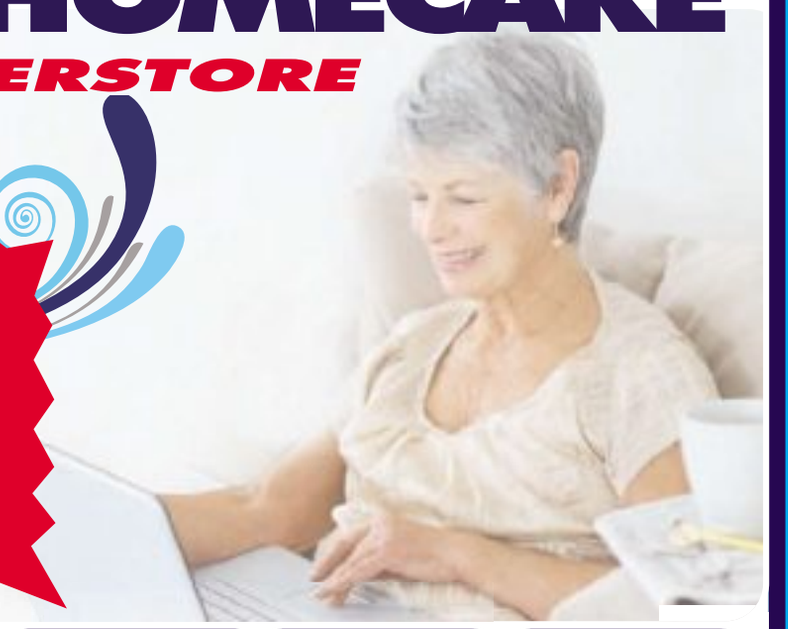

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New law aims to cut metal thefts

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE police have welcomed a new law to license scrap dealers in a bid to cut metal thefts.

The Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013, which was brought into force yesterday, means all scrap metal dealers, motor salvage operators and vehicle dismantlers must have permission to trade.

They must apply to Milton Keynes Council for a licence before October 15.

If they have not got a licence by December 1, they face prosecution and could be fined up to £1,000.

New dealers will only be able to trade after they have received their licence.

Metal thefts have been a significant problem in Milton Keynes.

Recent incidents include the theft of 900 metres of BT cabling from the H7 Chaffron Way in Leadenhall in July 2011. It left hundreds of customers without service and Network Rail and BT with a bill of £715,000.

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Then in October, more than 300 metres of cable, worth £15,000, was stolen from Newport Road, Wavendon, leaving firms in Kingston without phones or internet access.

In April this year, residents were asked to remain vigilant after thieves started to target catalytic convertors on cars and vans.

Detective Inspector Ian Wood, Thames Valley Police's south east regional coordinator for metal theft, said: "We have already had great success in reducing metal theft, with a 47 per cent reduction force-wide in this type of crime in 2012/13 compared to 2011/12.

"But we are not complacent. These new requirements will protect the legitimate dealers, the majority who trade honestly, and allow us to target those who don't, reducing metal theft across the force."

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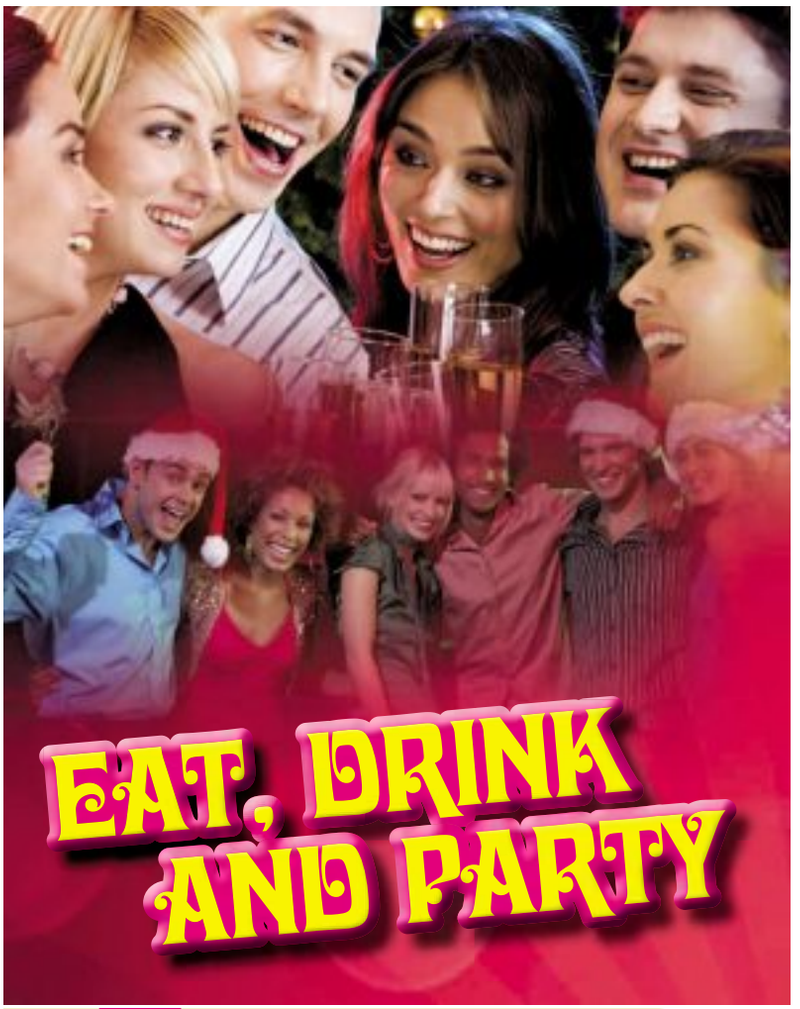

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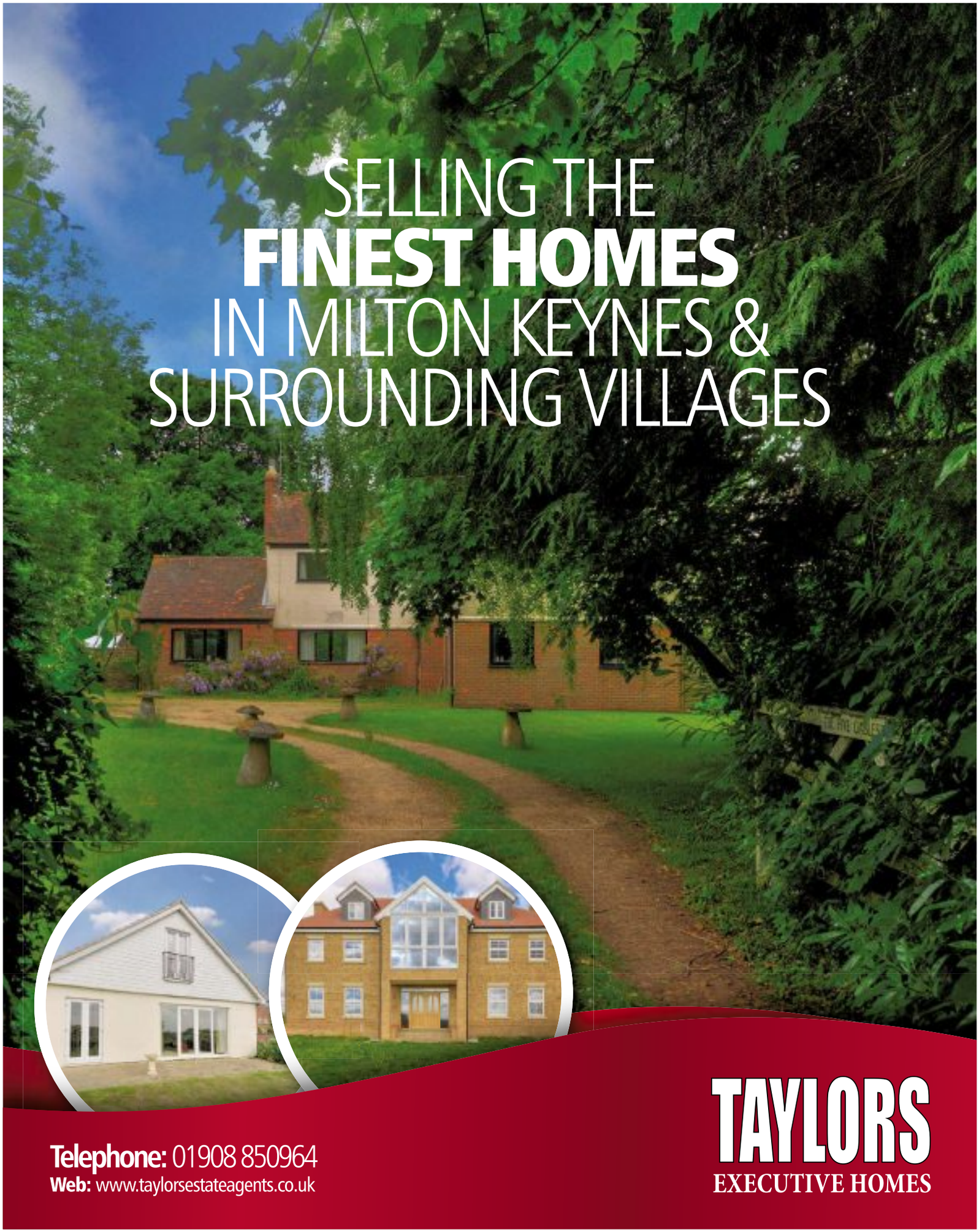
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MK BUSINESS

New sponsors sign up

MORE businesses have signed up to be part of the prestigious list of sponsors for the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) Buckinghamshire Business Awards 2013.

Award-winning Mirus IT Solutions, based in Sunrise Parkway, Linford Wood, is sponsoring the training and development category.

The firm provides managed services, proactive IT support, disaster recovery and business continuity solutions to businesses and private and public sector organisations.

Managing director Paul Tomlinson said: "At Mirus we believe that investment in training and development programmes is where the journey to great products and services starts, so we are exceptionally pleased to be able to support this category."

Aylesbury Vale District Council (AVDC) is sponsoring the Aylesbury Vale Business of the Year category.

A spokesman for AVDC said: "As small businesses are the bedrock of our successful economy, we are keen to do what we can to help businesses survive and grow to create jobs and employment now and in the future."

'Exceptionally pleased' to be on board: Paul Tomlinson from Mirus

And quality workspace provider Basepoint in High Wycombe is sponsoring the service excellence category.

Rodney Mallinson, branch chairman for the FSB, said: "Having Basepoint on board as a member of our team of sponsors has given us a massive boost. New businesses need room to grow, something that Basepoint so brilliantly provides."

Speaking after the new sponsors were announced, David Maidment, the branch chairman for FSB, said: "Having these new sponsors on board with the FSB Buckinghamshire Business Awards is a great coup for us."

The FSB Buckinghamshire Business Awards are open to all small and medium sized enterprises in the county, not just members of the FSB.

The awards are free to enter and each business can put themselves forward in up to three categories. The closing date for entries for the awards, which are being supported by MK NEWS and MKWeb, is October 24.

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Serving up something different: Owners Brendan Brokensha and Susan Walker

Rattlesnake and alligator are on the menu at pub

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GRILLED rattlesnake and Cola Cola cake and are among the unusual fare being offered by a town pub since it reopened.

And among the other specials that will be served up at the Weathercock in Woburn Sands are alligator, ostrich and bison burgers, wild boar haunch steak and the Big Dawg – a foot-long hot dog wrapped in bacon, cheese and chilli.

The concept of an English diner serving American-British food is proving a real hit with punters and business is double what new owners Brendan Brokensha and Susan Walker were expecting.

"As soon as we opened the doors it was like opening the floodgates," said Susan, who is from Canada and has been running the pub in Station Road with South African partner Brendan for just under a month.

"Obviously there is a demand for American-British cuisine!

"Every day has been better than we could have imagined and we're attributing that to the fact that we're different."

As well as the gigantic portions on offer, the pub is also offering healthier options.

After Brendan lost five stone in five weeks through Slimming World, he decided to include the number of 'syns' each item of food carries on the menu.

Syns are Slimming World's alternative to calorie or fat counting, designed so that people can enjoy treats while sticking to the amount they are allowed each day.

But as Susan notes: "Most people go bad, only a few go for the healthier options!"

Delegates visit city for seminar

AN INTERNATIONAL delegation from a number of EU countries visited Milton Keynes for a seminar on reducing carbon levels.

The seminar was held this month as part of the Imagine project, which includes cities such as Munich and Lille.

It aims to develop a long-term perspective and approach to energy and urban issues.

The project has been funded by the European Union European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and the INTERREG IVC Programme.

Addressing the issues: The carbon seminar was held in MK

MKBUSINESS

Green light for showrooms

BY SCOTT KIRK
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TWO major car dealers are building showrooms in Milton Keynes in projects totalling millions of pounds.

An Audi dealership is being built in Tongwell Street in a £7million project, while Vauxhall will put a showroom in Towergate in a separate £5.5million scheme.

The Audi dealership is expected to open next summer, while Vauxhall plans to complete work in time for a January 2014 opening date.

Jardine Motors Group UK (JMG) is building a state-of-the-art Audi dealership on its three acre site.

The 38,000 square foot dealership will have space for a 17-car showroom and include a dedicated customer handover area, a drive-through indoor service check-in and a workshop facility with 18 bays and an MOT area.

The dealership will have up to 112 used cars to sell, with 165 spaces for customers.

Jason Cranswick, head of customer quality and network development at Audi, said: "We are delighted that Jardine has demonstrated its commitment to Audi and its customers by developing this new state-of-the-art centre in Milton Keynes.

"It will be another significant shot in the arm for our programme to deliver industry leading standards for sales, service and repairs.

State-of-the-art: An artist's impression of the Vauxhall showroom to be built in Towergate

"Jardine is an established partner which already represents us in 11 locations across the UK, so we have no doubt that it can offer our customers the kind of exceptional brand and product experience we always strive for in our centres."

Meanwhile, the Towergate showroom in Groveway will create 45 jobs and display 13 vehicles.

A customer parking area will be installed at the showroom, which will include high-tech MOT and workshops and a large used car selection.

"The new Thurlow Nunn Vauxhall dealership will offer our customers in the Milton Keynes area a contemporary showroom space where they can view the current exciting Vauxhall range, as well as state-of-the-art workshop facilities for MOTs and servicing," said Chris Roberts, Vauxhall's retail network development director.

In keeping with Vauxhall and Thurlow Nunn's environmental commitment, the development also includes high-efficiency gas-fired heating, heat recovery ventilation technology and charging points for electric vehicles.

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A TEMPORARY and permanent staffing solutions agency, 2B Interface, is seeking franchisees to open a branch in Milton Keynes. It provides companies with cost-effective temporary and permanent staff and managing director Beatrice Bartlay said: "We hope to be able to join the group of successful businesses in Milton Keynes."

Bettershred is sold

A MILTON Keynes shredding company has been bought by PHS Datashred, the confidential data destruction division of the £422million PHS Group. Bettershred, a mobile document shredding business, has built up more than 900 clients. John Tipping, former managing director of Bettershred, will remain as a business consultant at PHS. He said: "Business identify fraud is on the rise and this acquisition is the result of 10 years of work."

SMEs being 'held back'

DR MIKE Lucas of the Open University's Business School says entrepreneurs and small businesses may be holding themselves back by refusing to share information with their accountants – who they regard as little more than 'bean counters'. His research also found opportunities were being wasted because some managers don't want anyone else to know their business.

Good news for MK's hotel trade

THE latest figures from hospitality and leisure experts indicate that things are looking up for hoteliers in Milton Keynes – and they are likely to continue improving in 2014.

The growing hotel sector is continuing to overcome economic adversity as occupancy rates rose to 70 per cent between June 2012 and June 2013, up from 65 per cent in the previous year, according to the statistics from PwC.

The data, provided by STR Global, highlights a noticeable stabilisation in trading levels, despite the slow economic recovery which has dampened consumer spending confidence.

Both the average daily rate and the revenue per room increased over the same period.

Grace McElroy, general manager of Jurys Inn Milton Keynes, in Midsummer Boulevard, said: "We would agree with these statistics. We've seen occupancy levels rise at our hotel in recent months.

"All trends are currently indicating that this recovery is set to continue at a local level in Milton Keynes for future months."

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Aimee Stein, 28, from Sherington, attended a class with a friend last week.

She said: "It was interesting to find out about the cocktails but it was a lot more fun to be able to make them. Alan was a good teacher."

For a review of the classes www.mkweb.co.uk

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We read the letter our client received from BT which assumed future inflation of just 2% and was worded in such a way as to lead the uninitiated into taking up the "Voluntary pension increase option."

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Using BT's assumption of 2% inflation the breakeven point for this client was age 84. Even assuming a modest increase in inflation to 3% the breakeven point reduced to age 77!

A 64 year old male today is actually forecast to live to 87.

In reality he is likely to live well beyond age 87 because of the amazing advances in biotechnology predicted over the next 20 years by which time average life expectancy is set to rise to 120!

What I do know is that the BT pension scheme employs some very clever mathematicians called actuaries who are well aware of all of this.

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jordanreyne

DEFYING one particular genre, Jordan Reyne has been described by radio stations in her native New Zealand as 'the author of a new sound'.

But to give you some context as to what you can expect, she draws inspiration from a variety of sounds such as dark folk, electronic and steampunk.

Ultimately though it's her own style, a style she has used while contributing to Peter Jackson's Lord of the Rings soundtrack and her work guesting in Zane Lowe's Breaks Co-Op band.

In her latest tour, Live and Looped, Jordan uses loop machines to create layered melodies, which range from the bloodthirsty to the delicate.

She is playing at The Stables on Saturday. Tickets for the 8.45pm gig cost £10 in advance from www.stables.org or by calling 01908 280800. Tickets will also be available on the door for £12.

R.I.P.Dreview

R.I.P.D may have arrived on cinema screens this month, but it is stuck in limbo between slightly quirky and disappointing, writes *Rachael West*.

Nick Walker and his partner Roy become part of the R.I.P.D. to hunt down rogue souls to atone for their sins. It sounds good: a crime-fighting duo with a sci-fi twist, but the predictable writing means we can't fully enjoy it. There are too many plot holes that leave more questions than answers.

Jeff Bridges as gunslinger Roy Pulsipher is the only thing propping this film up and offers a much needed comical boosts as the film plods along. Ryan Reynolds falls into his typical routine acting and his attempts at humour come off clumsy and awkward.

It has enjoyable moments and is fun to watch but even Jeff Bridges said he was 'underwhelmed' by R.I.P.D and unfortunately we agree.

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turkishdelight

TUCKED away in the heart of Olney is Melis – a delightful Turkish dining experience.

Authentically decorated in warm colours, Melis is inviting as soon as you step through the door. Once seated a complimentary basket of flat breads, olives and spinach and garlic butter is served as you wait for the first course.

Melis has a wide selection to choose from with plenty on offer for both starters and mains. The tabule and pacanga borek were ideal starters that were refreshing and full of flavour.

The mains stick to traditional Turkish cuisine with lamb, chicken, mixed vegetables, salads and Mediterranean herbs. The et saute and incik lamb dishes bring Turkish and Mediterranean ingredients together with tender lamb and tasty sauces accompanied by fresh crunchy salad.

Dessert was an indulgence from the moment the white chocolate soufflé and a sumptuous looking lemon tart were placed on the table. The soufflé was a warm, sticky mess that was a joy to dive straight into and the tart certainly packed a punch with its tangy lemon flavour.

Attentive friendly staff; relaxed atmosphere and a meal full of colour and flavour: Melis is certainly one to visit.

Tender: The incik lamb

funnyjarred

FUNNYMAN Jarred Christmas will take to the stage at That Time of the Month Comedy Club in Newport Pagnell this weekend.

The comedian from New Zealand, who has appeared on Mock the Week, Russell Howard's Good News and the Pot Noodle adverts, is looking forward to returning to the area having done gigs in MK before.

He likes to get the audience involved in his sketches, although he is keen to point out that the gig is not simply a Q&A.

"I've done some gigs around Milton Keynes before but I've never played at the Canon so I'm pretty up for it," said Jarred.

"I did a gig in the place that overlooks the snow slope, which was weird but pretty cool."

Jarred has not only been in Britain with this tour – he has also done gigs in Norway and Slovenia and he was amazed at how the European audiences took to his stand-up.

"You have to speak slower but most of them know two or three languages, so it makes me feel pretty lazy!"

Tickets for the show, on Sunday at 7pm, cost £8 from www.wegottickets.com

online for the full interview with Jarred visit **mkweb.co.uk**

Somersaultingfun

ROLL up for one of Circus Starrs' annual charity performances for Willen Hospice.

It will be bringing somersaults, daring trapeze artists and hilarious clowns to the Big Top at the Irish Centre in Manor Field.

There are two performances on Monday at 4.45pm and 7pm. Tickets are £10 if bought through the hospice. For more information email waterhouse@willen-hospice.org.uk

familyfun

MK LIFE has teamed up with children's entertainment centre 360 Play to offer a fantastic prize for young children and their families.

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And now it is offering one lucky reader the chance to win an after school party for 15 children with free entry for adults too.

In addition to the fun facilities on offer, the prize includes food and drink and party bags for the children, as well as two adult sandwich/panini platters and two adult hot drinks trays. So there will be plenty of refreshments to refuel the energy levels!

After school parties are held for a period of two hours, from 4pm to 6pm, on any weekday and the winner and their friends will be able to enjoy a host of exciting, active and creative play elements. And, of course, 360 Play's mascots, Twizzle and Twirl, **pictured**, will be there.

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icemovie

SEQUELS are renowned for not always living up to expectations, but I spent the perfect Sunday night in watching the fourth movie in the Ice Age series laughing my head off, writes *Scott Kirk*.

Scrat, the lovable rodent who never speaks, steals the show again with his hilarious antics and it is impressive how writers can continue to find new stories to tell about these cartoon characters, which are fast becoming the stuff of legend.

This time round, Manny is left stranded from his family when continental drifts break up the land and there are a myriad of new characters introduced in this one.

My girlfriend and I Sky Plussed it from a while ago and we've only just got round to watching it, so I recommend you watch it sooner than we did!

If you're looking for something the kids will enjoy, look no further than Ice Age: Continental Drift – it's a hoot and you'll enjoy it just as much as the little 'uns.

splashingtime

TODDLERS as young as two can enjoy the magic of the theatre with Full House's new adaptation of Big Red Bath.

The story, written by local children's author Julia Jarman, is about Ben and Bella splishing, splashing and sploshing around in the Big Red Bath. They are having such a good time that a whole menagerie of animals jump in to join them on a bubbly, barmy bath time adventure around the world and back again.

Bedfordshire-based company, Full House, well-known for its enchanting puppetry, storytelling and music, has joined forces with leading children's theatre producer, Half Moon.

Music will be from the quirky French trio, We Were Evergreen, who have experimented with the kind of sounds and instruments that little children love.

And at just 40 minutes long, even the bounciest of kids will remain captivated by all that frothy fun on Saturday at 11.30am.

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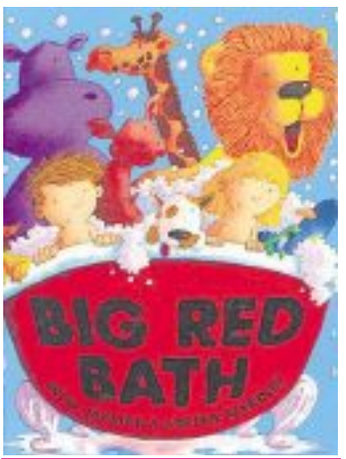

Online for the full interview with the cast visit mkweb.co.uk

bargaintheatre

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Especially given that if you don't laugh the director has promised to get a round in.

First performed 50 years ago and instrumental in launching the careers of Dame Maggie Smith and Kenneth Williams, this major revival of The Private Ear and The Public Eye sees two one-act comedy dramas by Sir Peter Shaffer performed on the same night.

It boasts a pretty exciting cast, including ex-Corrie star Rupert Hill, critically acclaimed classical actor Jasper Britton, Steven Blakeley (best known as PC Geoff Younger in Heartbeat) and rising star and Irish beauty Siobhan O'Kelly.

"These comedies have stood the test of time because human nature has changed very little," said Steven."People today relate to each other in similar ways and have the same problems."

Director Alastair Whatley said Shaffer's characters are genius comic creations, adding: "The plays don't preach, they certainly don't get up on any moral high ground, but they do pose questions."

The show will be at MK Theatre from Monday to Saturday and tickets cost between £16.90 and £37.90 from www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

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carldonnelly

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TOP UK soul diva Diane Shaw will be bringing her new 80s Soul Show to Wilton Hall.

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An exceptional Victorian home in the heart of Aspley Guise. Set within a secluded plot of approximately 1/2 an acre this charming house is steeped in history, with many an anecdote to be told.

£875,000

Newport Pagnell

- Eight Bedroom Farmhouse Conversion
- Popular Location
- Heated Swimming Pool
- Self Contained Annexe
- Quadruple Garage & Workshop
- Rear & Side Gardens

A well presented spacious farmhouse conversion situated on a large plot with heated swimming pool and located in the popular market town of Newport Pagnell. As well as the main eight bedroom house, the property has a self contained annexe.

£800,000

Furzton

- Detached Home
- Five Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Four Bathrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Front & Rear Gardens

Situated with open views of Furzton Lake this impressive, McCann Built, executive five bedroom detached home with four bathrooms. Outside there is a double garage with driveway parking and gardens front and rear.

£600,000

Leckhampstead

- Four Bedrooms
- Conservatory
- En-Suite Bathroom
- Double Garage
- Workshop
- Stable & Gardens

Four double bedroom detached bungalow situated on the outskirts of the pretty village of Leckhampstead on a plot of approximately one third of an acre.

£585,000

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An exceptional Grade II Listed converted watermill dating back to the 1700's situated within a stunning plot of around 3/4 of an acre. There is countryside out to the side and rear towards and beyond the Great River Ouzel and the Grand Union Canal.

£875,000

Loughton

- Prestigious Location
- Elevated Position
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Two En-Suites
- Four Reception Rooms
- Double Garage

A light and spacious four bedroom detached property situated on an elevated position in the prestigious location of Loughton. The private rear gardens is fully enclosed with ample trees, shrubs, lawned & patio areas.

£675,000

Monkston Park

- Stone Built
- Four Bedroom Detached
- Two En-Suites
- Kitchen/Breakfast
- Three Reception Rooms
- Boot Room

An immaculately presented stone built detached executive residence overlooking Monkston Park village green. This property boasts underfloor heating to the ground floor, a double barn style parking area, behind secure electric gates and a generous garden.

£575,000

Great Linford

- Five Bedroom Detached
- Much Improved & Extended
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Double Garage
- Two En-Suite Facilities
- Four Reception Rooms

Improved and extended detached residence situated in a cul-de-sac location. Benefitting from double glazing, gas to radiator heating, gardens and double garage.

£488,000

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Kingsmead £350,000
- Detached
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Garden

Campbell Park £325,000
- Modern Townhouse
- Flexible Accommodation
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge, Kitchen & Dining Room
- En-Suite Facilities

Monkston £325,000
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Sought After Location
- Off Road Parking

Ashland £240,000
- Three Bedroom
- Two Reception Room
- Over looking Lake
- Garage

Emerson Valley £230,000
- Four Bedrooms
- Cloakroom, Kitchen
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Bathroom

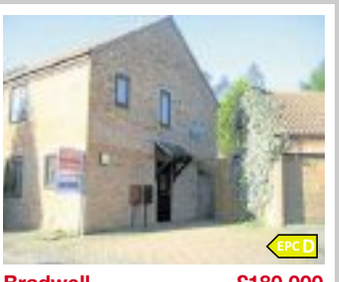
Oldbrook £212,500
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge/Dining Room
- En-Suite
- Front & Rear Gardens

Broughton £210,000
- Three Bedroom House
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge, Kitchen/Diner
- Off Road Parking

Downs Barn £200,000
- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Utility Room
- En-Suite
- Patio Area

Eaglestone £195,995
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen
- Lounge/Diner
- Conservatory

Oldbrook £183,500
- Converted Townhouse
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking



Bradwell £180,000
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden
- No Upper Chain

Downs Barn £165,000
- End Terraced Property
- Three/Four Bedrooms
- One/Two Reception Rooms
- Off Road Parking

Medbourne £141,500
- Ground Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Lounge/Dining Room

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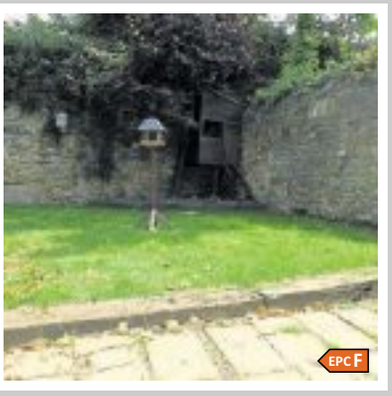
Deanshanger **£350,000**
- Five Bedrooms
- Lounge & Study
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Family Bathroom
- En-Suite

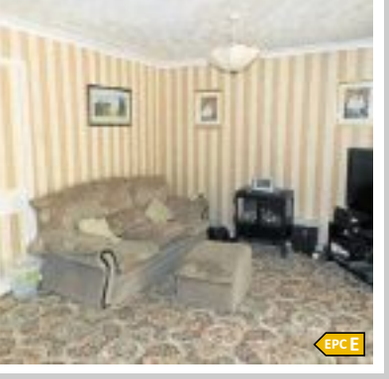
Haversham **£350,000**
- Detached Bungalow
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Two Family Bathrooms
- Conservatory
- Single Garage



Castlethorpe **£280,000**
- Chain Free
- Character Property
- Grade II Listed
- Four/Five Bedrooms
- Dining Room & Lounge

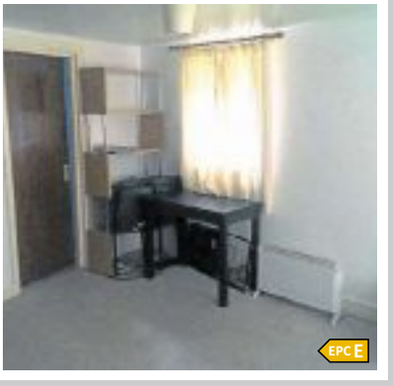
Hanslope **£200,000**
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Detached Garage
- No Chain

Deanshanger **£180,000**
- Semi Detached Property
- Extended Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain
- Double Glazing



Hilltops **£160,000**
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Dining Area
- Utility Room
- Viewing Recommended

Potterspury **£150,000**
- Three Bedrooms House
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Popular Location



London Road **£95,000**
- Flat/Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Open Plan Living Space
- Kitchen
- Viewing Recommended

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Emerson Valley **OIEO £340,000**

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Private Secluded Plot
- Cloakroom & En-Suite
- Two Reception Rooms

Oberon Way **£274,950**

- Semi Detached
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Garage
- Viewing Highly Recommended

Kingsmead **£245,000**

- SOLD, Similar Properties Required
- Three Bedroom Detached House
- Cloakroom
- Kitchen/Diner

Simonsbath **£72,000**

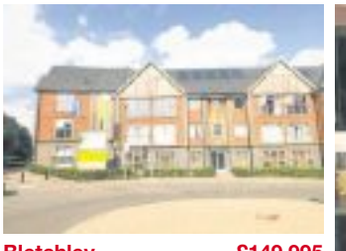
- Shared Ownership
- Two Bedrooms
- Two ReceptionRooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Westcroft **£59,000**

- First Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Show Home Condition
- Shared Ownership Scheme

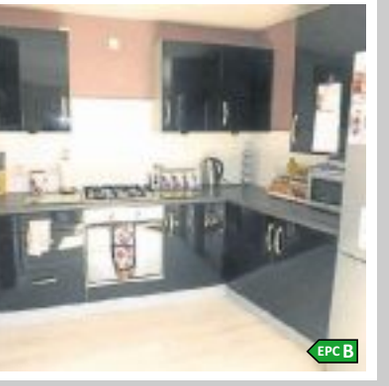
Bletchley **£180,000**

- Extended Property
- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Three Reception Rooms
- Highly Sought After Road



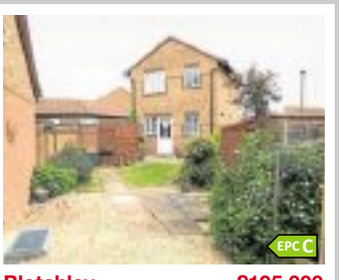
Bletchley **£149,995**

- First Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom



Bletchley **£290,000**

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Feature Fireplace



Bletchley **£195,000**

- Three Bedroom Detached Property
- Generous Plot
- Gas Central Heating
- Front & Rear Gardens

Greenway **£179,950**

- Semi Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garden

PUBLIC NOTICE **£140,000**

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BUCKINGHAM - ANY SERIOUS OFFER CONSIDERED!!! £308,995

QUICK SALE REQUIRED. A vacant family home built by Bellway Homes in 2011. The property enjoys open views across fields to the side and boasts two reception rooms, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, en suite to master bedroom, three further bedrooms family bathroom, gardens, parking and a single garage. Further benefits include full PVCu double glazing and gas radiator central heating.

OLD STRATFORD - VIEWS OVER OPEN FIELDS £124,995

A modern first floor coach house style apartment comprising open plan lounge/kitchen with appliances, double bedroom, shower room and parking.

BROUGHTON £315,000

Located in a cul de sac close to shops, schools and parkland is this FIVE BEDROOM detached townhouse with THREE BATHROOMS, single garage and gardens. VIEW NOW!

LOCATION, LOCATION, LOCATION!! £155,000

A SUPERB top floor apartment located on the ever popular development of Grange Farm on the Western fringe of Milton Keynes. The accommodation comprises entrance hall, open plan lounge/dining/kitchen area with balcony, TWO DOUBLE BEDROOMS (master with en suite and built in wardobes), bathroom and allocated parking.

FURZTON - GREAT INVESTMENT OR FIRST BUY £109,995

Located in an off road setting is this VACANT cluster home comprising entrance hall, lounge, kitchen, galleried bedroom, bathroom, gardens to front and rear and off road parking.

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Situated close to the Grand Union Canal and with good access to Central Milton Keynes is this well presented three bedroom detached house. The property is set on a corner plot with a gated driveway leading to a double garage.

Springfield **£239,995**

Ideal house if you have visiting guests or a teenager that needs their own space. This five bedroom detached house includes a self contained one bedroom annexe. The property is offered in excellent condition throughout with well maintained gardens.

Bancroft **£390,000**

A substantial residence with the added benefits of a separate annexe and a purpose built office. Overlooking parkland this family home has well appointed accommodation in excess of 3300 sq ft and is a hidden gem located in this sought after location.

Shenley Brook End **£885,000**

- 3 Bedrooms
- Downstairs Cloakroom
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Family Bathroom
- Rear Garden

Great Linford **£139,950**

- No Above Chain
- Town House
- 4 Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Bathroom
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- Parking

Westcroft **£199,950**

- Apartment
- Ground Floor
- Own Entrance
- 2 Double Bedrooms
- 4 Piece Bathroom
- Gated Garden
- Kitchen With Appliances

Broughton **£174,995**

- Ground Floor
- 2 Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Parking
- Central Location
- No Above Chain

Campbell Park **£125,000**

- Calling All Investors
- 1 Bedroom
- Tenant In Situ
- Lounge
- Study
- Shower Room
- Kitchen
- Intercom Entry

Central Milton Keynes **£95,000**

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- Period Terrace
- Bay Front
- 3 Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Diner
- Kitchen
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden

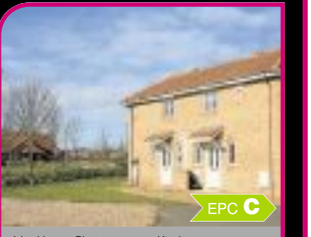
Wolverton **£170,000**

- Terraced
- Kitchen
- Lounge
- Balcony
- 2 Bedrooms
- Shower Room
- Rear Garden
- No Above Chain

New Bradwell **£114,950**

- Town House
- 3 Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- En-Suite
- Conservatory
- Garage
- Refitted Kitchen
- Immaculate

Middleton **£239,995**



- No Above Chain
- 3 Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Lounge/Diner
- Kitchen
- Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Desirable Location

Monkston **£189,999**

Golfers Paradise...A stunning prestigious executive five bedroom English home, refurbished and maintained to the highest standard. Set in a prime and private location, sitting proudly with a championship golf course to front and back.

Collingtree Park **£950,000**

On a generous plot and in an envious cul-de-sac position just off the Shenley Road, a recently renovated three bedroom detached bungalow. Updated to a high standard with many improvements and additions. Close to amenities.

Bletchley **£274,995**

A new build four bedroom detached house set on a plot of approximately quarter of an acre. To be built by Deluxe Developers on a former orchard site, There is an opportunity to tailor the house to the purchasers specification (subject to build stage).

Walton **£675,000**

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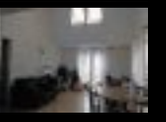
Oxley Park £75,000
- Shared Ownership
- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Immaculate Condition
- SSTC Similar Required

Broughton £119,995
- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Allocated Parking
- Recently Refurbished
- SSTC Similar Required

Broughton £134,950
- Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking
- Similar Required
- SSTC Similar Required

Newport Pagnell £134,995
- Two Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Sold with No Upper Chain
- Parking to the front
- SSTC Similar Required



Newport Pagnell £169,995
- End of Terraced
- Two Bedrooms
- Allocated Parking
- Two Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

Newton Leys £179,995
- Semi Detached
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking
- Cloakroom
- SSTC Similar Required

Central Milton Keynes £199,995
- Stunning Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Balcony
- Secure Parking
- SSTC Similar Required

Central Milton Keynes £219,995
- Stunning Apartment
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Secure Parking
- Balcony with Stunning Views
- SSTC Similar Required

Woburn Sands £225,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Sold with No Upper Chain
- Parking to the front
- SSTC Similar Required

Westcroft £239,995
- Semi Detached Home
- Three Bedrooms
- Single Garage
- Two Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

Oakridge Park £269,995
- Semi Detached Family Home
- Four Double Bedrooms
- Single Garage
- Immaculate Condition
- SSTC Similar Required

Oxley Park £325,000
- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Two Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

Woburn Sands £329,995
- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Ensuites
- Three Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

Middleton £339,995
- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Two Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

Furzton £349,995
- Detached Family Home
- Four Bedrooms
- Part Converted Garage
- Two Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

Willowbank £750,000
- Detached Family Home
- Five Bedrooms
- Double Garage
- Three Reception Rooms
- SSTC Similar Required

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* Allocated Parking
* Balcony
* SORRY NO DHSS

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Austrey Road

* Detached Bungalow
* Two Double Bedrooms
* Garage
* Off Road Parking
* Must Be Viewed

£275,000

Briar

* Detached Family Home
* Large Conservatory
* Three Bedrooms
* NO CHAIN

£159,950

Halford Street

* Three Bedrooms
* Semi Detached
* Large Conservatory
* Off Road Parking

£129,950

Harebell

* Three Bedrooms
* Mid-Terrace
* Front & Rear Gardens
* Spacious Lounge

£115,000

Field Lane

* Two Bedrooms
* Lounge
* Fitted Kitchen
* Seperate Garage
* Enclosed Rear Garden

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Holsworth Close

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* Garage
* Off Road Parking

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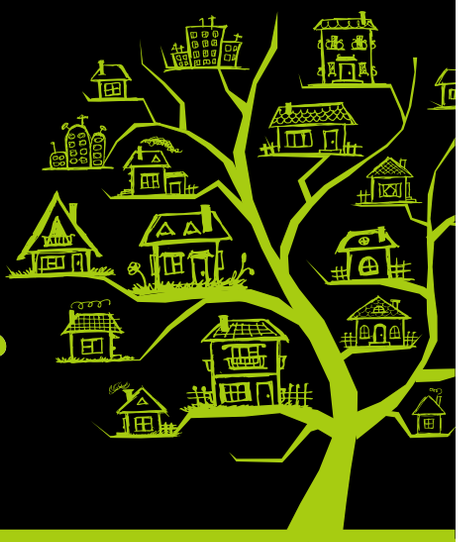

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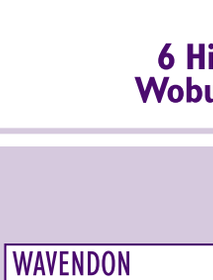

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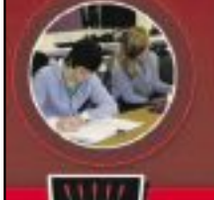

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Thursday 3rd October, 2013

The Main Hall

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At the Open Evening you will have the opportunity to hear a short presentation, tour the school, meet the teaching staff and see our students at work. The evening is primarily for admission to Year 9 next year. We will be holding a separate Opportunities in the Sixth Form Open Evening on Thursday 17th October, 2013, at 7.00pm. Main School and Sixth Form Prospectuses are on our website (www.redborne.com).

As a result of building work, our capacity has been increased from 340 to 380 students for Year 9 from September, 2014.

If you would like to look around Redborne during the day, please telephone the school to make an appointment, these tours will take place after 3rd October. You will be most welcome.

REDBORNE UPPER SCHOOL

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We require Level 3 Teaching Assistants to join various departments within our busy school. Responsibilities will include implementing agreed work programmes with individuals and small groups, in or out of the classroom as well as assisting staff in the management and preparation of resources. It is essential that the successful candidate will already have at least two years' experience of working with young people. There may be opportunities for suitably qualified candidates to train as Higher Level Teaching Assistants.

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We require a Level 1 Teaching Assistant to work within the school's Additionally Resourced Provision (ARP). The ARP is an environment to support the learning of young people with Autistic Spectrum Disorders and a range of communication and behaviour needs. The ARP will eventually support approximately 15 students, aged between 11 and 19. Previous classroom experience would be advantageous but not essential as training will be provided.

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Headteacher: Ron Babbage BA (Hons) PGCE MEd

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Closing date for applications is Monday 14 October 2013 @ 12 noon.
LSA interviews will be held on Thursday 17 October 2013
MSA interviews will be held on Monday 21 October 2013

To obtain an application pack or for further details of any of the above posts please send an e-mail request to: ***office@st-johns-school.co.uk***

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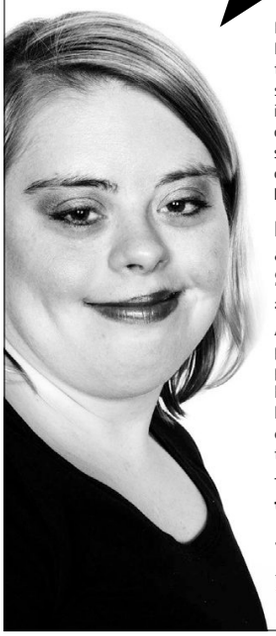

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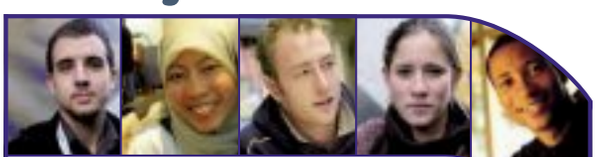

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Knowles Nursery School

Vacancy

Early Years Teacher

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Applications from NQT's with an Early Years background are welcomed.
Application packs are available from the School.
Visits are warmly welcomed and you are invited to telephone the school to make an appointment.

Closing Date: 4.30pm Friday 11th October 2013
Interviews: Friday 18th October 2013

Knowles Nursery School is committed to safeguarding and the welfare of children and expects all staff to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check and all references will be followed up prior to interview.
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Application:

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For more information please email christine@wolvertonpool.com

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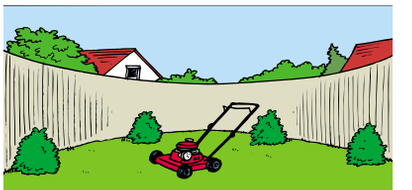

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SECTION 73 — WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

13/01956/FUL — Dropped kerb to front of property at Ashby Cottage, High Street, Weston Underwood.

13/01965/FUL — Garage conversion and erection of chimney at 45B Northampton Road, Lavendon.

13/01970/FUL — Single storey rear extension at 24 - 25 Stratford Road, Wolverton.

13/02004/FUL — Single storey rear extension at 43 Chapel Street, Woburn Sands.

13/02027/TCA — Notification of intention to reduce by one third the crown of 1 x Yew tree at All Saints Church, North End, Ravenstone.

13/02043/TCA — Notification of intention to remove to ground level 3 x Sycamore self set trees at 3 George Inn Place, Stoke Goldington, Newport Pagnell.

SECTION 67 — LISTED BUILDING

13/02064/LBC — Listed building consent for ground floor extension to Middleton Hall, internal and external alterations including layout re-configuration at 15 - 25 Eagle Walk, Central Milton Keynes.

SECTION 67 & 73 — LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA

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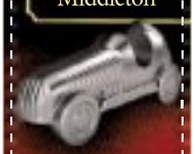
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CYCLING

IAN Stannard (Sky Procycling) put his trade team colours to one side last week having been selected to represent Team GB at cycling's World Championships that were held in Florence, Italy.

Having finished in seventh in the Tour of Britain, Stannard was in top form and knew he'd been chosen to ride for Team GB in support of his Sky Tour de France winning team mate Chris Froome. But the race was a wash-out for the riders.

Heavy rain fell for six and a half out of the seven and a half hours it took to complete the 272km race – won by the Portuguese rider Rui Da Costa – but with around 80kms to go Ian and the rest of the Team GB squad had pulled out of the race.

"It was seriously bad out there," said Stannard.

"Riders were going down like skittles all over the place."

After the race, Britain's team manager Rod Ellingworth was critical of the withdrawal, saying the riders had 'no excuses'.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

DANIEL Silver scored the only goal for Newport Pagnell Town as they lost 3-1 at Wisbech Town in the UCL Premier.

Meanwhile, a first half goal from James Wardell was enough for Olney Town to beat Burton Park Wanderers 1-0 in Division One.

In the Spartan South Midlands Football League Division Two, New Bradwell St Peter beat Old Bradwell United 2-0 to win the local derby clash, and Wolverton Town won 3-0 at home to Totternhoe.

ATHLETICS

EIGHT of the ten Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club competitors at the Berlin Marathon set new personal best times around the fast flat course.

Leading the group home and breaking the exclusive three hour barrier for the first time was 840th Gary Blaber (M40) with a very consistent run, while next back taking 29th in the women's race and the first UK female runner was Wendy Webber (8th F35).

Although the track and field season will shortly give way to cross country there was still time for M60 John Brown to reduce his own club 100m record to 12.5s at the Biggleswade Open Meeting.

There were also PBs for Lauren Presswell (F15) in the discus (21.52m), and in the hammer (38.63m).

ROLLER DERBY

MILTON Keynes Roller Derby (MKRD) were in action at the weekend with the club's two female intra-league teams playing each other for the second time this year and men's team The Quads of War taking on Birmingham based outfit the Crash Test Brummies.

The first game featured The Stony Roses and Bletchley Enigma facing off four months after their first outing.

The match up was fast and furious with Enigma starting strongly and the lead changing multiple times throughout the first half.

Despite their strong start, Enigma couldn't sustain the momentum and the Stony Roses widened their lead in the second half, winning 149-95.

In the main event, the first half kicked off in earnest with both The Quads of War and Crash Test Brummies matching each other closely for the first 20 points.

The first half ended 130-96 to the Brummies after the Quads found themselves 50 points down at one point.

After suffering the effects of jammer penalties, the Quads went defensive in the second half and held the Brummies to their lead with strong walls and positional blocking.

The forceful Brummie jammers and big hitting blockers eventually became too much for the Quads though, and after an impressive game the final score ended up 203-130 to the Crash Test Brummies.

DONS

Martin up for battle of the brothers part two

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MK DONS goalkeeper David Martin will come face-to-face with his brother Joe on Saturday when the stadiummk outfit travel to Gillingham.

Left back Joe Martin scored his side's second goal from a free kick in Gillingham's 3-0 win at Crewe Alexandra on Saturday, and David says plenty of his friends and family will be watching how the two fare against each other.

"There has been a big build-up from when they got promoted from League Two last season so everyone's got dibs on tickets and we'll have to have a stand out in Gillingham," he said.

"It has made it interesting now that Joe scored on Saturday so that'll be one to watch.

"I'm pleased they got their first win on Saturday but obviously I'm hoping we batter them 3-0 this weekend!"

It is the second time this season that one MK Dons player has come up against his brother after George and Sam Baldock met when Dons entertained Bristol City.

Martin insists he follows Gillingham's progress closely with his brother involved in the first team at the Kent club.

"He got in the League Two Team of the Year and he got Gillingham's Players' Player of the Year so it was a big season for Joe last year," he said.

"He's the total opposite to me – talking to him is like drawing blood from a stone whereas you can't shut me up but all the family are looking forward to the occasion.

BROTHERLY LOVE: David Martin plays brother Joe this weekend

Gillingham v Dons: Match report and reaction after the final whistle at www.mkweb.co.uk

"It's great to play against my brother professionally for the first time."

Martin already has to adapt for the game with Tom Flanagan coming in for the injured Antony Kay

"Antony has been great and you know what you're going to get with him but it's a big chance for Tom this week so he needs to go into it and put a stake on the centre back place," he said.

Meanwhile, MK Dons manager Karl Robinson is looking forward to seeing the brothers do battle.

"If his brother scores against him it could rock him massively," said the boss. "It must be surreal for his parents cheering for one team and going 'oh no' for the other at the same time."

DONS

Bamford's Dons future uncertain

MK DONS manager Karl Robinson says he is in talks to keep on-loan Chelsea striker Patrick Bamford at the club beyond January.

Bamford, whose deal at stadiummk is due to expire on January 5, is the club's top scorer with eight goals so far, and continued his good early-season form with two strikes and an assist in the 4-1 demolition of Stevenage on Saturday.

Robinson said he would love to keep the 20-year-old forward well into the New Year but the matter is out of his hands.

"We're already in talks to try to keep him," said Robinson.

"He knows what I think of him and in the period of time he has been here he has improved.

"He's a better player this year than last year and we need to enjoy the fruits of his labour while he's here.

"Chelsea have a wonderful talent on their hands and we'll have to cross that bridge when we come to it.

"He's not our player so we have to respect the parent club and January is a long way away.

"I know Chelsea are happy with what's happening with him here."

About the possibility of staying, Bamford said: "We will see how it goes and I'm just here to do as well as I can."

Meanwhile, another loan man Danny Green will play his last game for the Dons against Gillingham at the weekend.

"Charlton are going to call him back and I think Danny has been immense for us," said Robinson.

"He has been a tremendous asset and his best performance is still to come.

"He is going to give everything on Saturday for his team-mates and if you speak to Danny he will say we have really helped him while he has been here.

"His work ethic is there for all to see and we'd have liked to have kept him but circumstances don't allow it."

Robinson said having chatted with Charlton manager Chris Powell, winger Green could be working his way back into the squad for the Championship side.

MK Dons Head of Coaching GARY WADDOCK writes exclusively for MK News every week

FIRSTLY I have got to mention that the fans on Saturday were outstanding.

The atmosphere they created in the 4-1 win over Stevenage was fantastic and they were a real credit to themselves.

They must have been pleased with what we produced because they never stopped singing 'MK Army' in that second half.

The performance and the scoreline were both really good.

Obviously it has been ten years of football in Milton Keynes and the club has come a long way in a short period of time.

This Saturday we take on Gillingham and their manager Martin Allen is someone I know very well from my playing days at QPR. I've known him for a long time and he's a really good guy.

I know he has got some history at MK Dons with him being manager here a few years ago and I'm sure everyone will be pleased to see him.

He'll be pleased with their win against Crewe at the weekend so they'll be going into the game with a lot of confidence and I'm sure he'll want a result for Gillingham.

He was a couple of years younger than me when we played at QPR and he was coming through the ranks along with myself at the time.

He was a very good player and very passionate, which you can see in his management style, and he has had a fantastic career as a manager.

• There has been talk this week of how Daniel Sturridge and Luis Suarez rank as a strike partnership but I think they have a long way to go before they can be compared to the likes of Shearer and Sheringham and Yorke and Cole.

Don't get me wrong – it's a one hell of a week and they have got goals in them that will take them to the right areas of the Premier League.

But they're just beginning that partnership so we'll see how it works out.

NEXT DONS FIXTURES

SAT GILLINGHAM (A) L1
TUES STEVENAGE (A) JPT2
OCT 12 LEYTON ORIENT (A) L1
OCT 19 ROTHERHAM (H) L1
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LEAGUE ONE TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gd	Pts
1	Leyton Orient	9	4	1	0	14	4	4	0	0	10	2	+18	25
2	Peterborough	9	3	0	1	5	4	4	1	0	15	4	+12	22
3	Wolves	9	4	0	1	11	4	3	1	0	6	2	+11	22
4	Preston	9	3	2	0	9	4	2	2	0	8	4	+9	19
5	Bradford	9	4	1	0	14	3	1	2	1	5	5	+11	18
6	DONS	9	3	2	0	11	5	1	2	1	4	4	+6	16
7	Rotherham	9	2	2	1	8	6	2	2	0	7	5	+4	16
8	Crawley	9	3	1	1	9	7	1	2	1	7	6	+3	15
9	Walsall	9	1	2	1	5	6	3	1	1	6	2	+3	15
10	Brentford	9	2	1	1	4	3	2	2	1	8	9	0	15
11	Port Vale	9	2	1	1	7	7	2	0	3	5	7	-2	13
12	Swindon	9	3	1	0	11	4	0	1	4	4	9	+2	11
13	Colchester	9	1	2	1	4	4	1	3	1	5	6	-1	11
14	Carlisle	9	2	0	3	4	11	1	2	1	4	6	-9	11
15	Shrewsbury	9	1	2	1	3	2	0	3	2	5	9	-3	8
16	Oldham	9	1	1	2	4	4	1	0	4	8	11	-3	7
17	Gillingham	9	0	2	2	2	4	1	1	3	8	11	-5	6
18	Crewe	9	1	2	2	7	12	0	1	3	1	9	-13	6
19	Bristol City	9	0	3	2	5	9	0	2	2	9	11	-6	5
20	Stevenage	9	0	1	3	5	9	1	1	3	2	8	-10	5
21	Tranmere	9	0	2	3	6	13	1	0	3	3	7	-11	5
22	Coventry	9	3	1	1	13	11	1	1	2	9	7	+4	4
23	Notts County	9	1	0	3	4	6	0	1	4	5	13	-10	4
24	Sheff Utd	9	1	1	2	3	4	0	0	5	2	11	-10	4

Coventry deducted ten points.

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ICE HOCKEY

Lightning lose twice

BY SCOTT KIRK
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MK LIGHTNING defenceman Michael Farn says he and his side were disappointed with their own performance after a double defeat to Basingstoke Bison.

He thought Lightning improved on Sunday when they lost 3-2 in Hampshire, but the side's performance in the 6-3 defeat in Coventry on Saturday let them down, especially after beating reigning champions Guildford Flames and Bracknell Bees on the opening weekend.

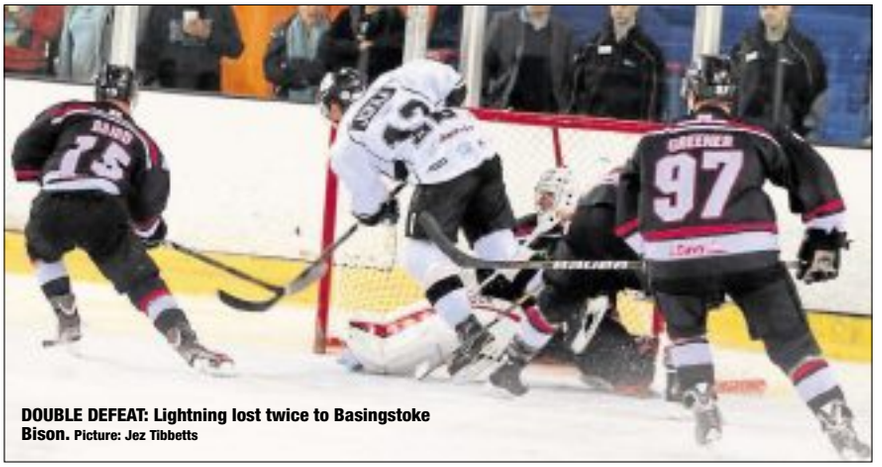
"It's early in the season so you can't get too down," said Farn.

"But after such a good start to the season we didn't deserve to get anything out of Saturday and we lost because we weren't as good as we should have been.

"I thought we were very unlucky on Sunday and we responded well to Saturday's defeat."

Farn is now looking forward to taking on undefeated Manchester Phoenix this weekend as well as Swindon Wildcats.

"They're always close encounters and there is no better time to come back than to beat them."



DOUBLE DEFEAT: Lightning lost twice to Basingstoke Bison. Picture: Jez Tibbetts

Lightning were punished for some poor defensive play in the first encounter as the Hampshire outfit took a 3-1 lead by the first interval.

Although Lightning struck back at the beginning of the middle session, they soon found themselves trailing by three goals.

At 5-2 after 22mins 18secs, net minder Stephen Wall was replaced by Jordan Hedley.

After that Lightning improved and they had a glimmer of hope with Blaz Emersic shooting through a crowd of players for Lightning's third on 31mins 9secs. From then on though Bison frustrated any chances of a breakthrough by Lightning and sealed the home team's fate with a sixth goal on 50mins 45secs – an unassisted strike from Aaron Connolly.

The following night Lightning gave Hedley his first English Premier League start but they went two goals behind by the end of the second session before pulling a goal back in the third.

It was Miller on the mark with a powerplay on 12mins 31secs.

Numerous penalties failed to produce any further goals until Joe Rand struck on 39mins 14secs while Farn was sitting out a hooking call. Lightning got off the mark with a Stan Lascek marker after 44mins 55secs and, as they sought an equaliser, had two 'goals' washed out by the officials.

Former Lightning man Nick Chinn was the provider when Karpov netted a powerplay goal to make it 3-1 at 55mins 41secs.

While on the powerplay Lightning called a timeout with just over a minute to go – withdrawing Hedley for an extra skater – and the move paid off with a Lascek goal with 35secs to go, but Bison held on to win.

RUGBY UNION

Bletchley stay unbeaten and MK win again

MILTON Keynes' depleted squad came away with a surprise 41-20 victory at High Wycombe on Saturday in the Southern Counties North.

The first ten minutes of the game were evenly matched with both sides testing the opposition defence, but the first score went to Milton Keynes with Dan Rolfe powering his way over the Wycombe line.

A further try occurred following a good break by Phil Powell, who off-loaded the ball in the tackle for Dave Matthews to go over the line.

Wycombe came back with a penalty but Dan Rolfe and another Powell try made it 26-3, before High Wycombe pulled a try and conversion back just before half time.

Wycombe continued with their ploy of running a tight game in the forwards, but on many occasions their handling let them down allowing the away team some respite.

Ollie Fountain went over for the next try after good work from the MK backs in the second half but at 33-10, a lapse in concentration allowed Wycombe to get the game back to 33-20.

The game was sealed with just minutes to go when Rob Lasbrey forced his way over the try line and a further penalty made it 41-20.

City are now second in the league with just Bletchley above them after they maintained their winning start with a 29-13 victory over Alchester. Adam Griffiths gave Bletchley an early lead in the eighth minute from a turnover, and Matt Nobes doubled the try count shortly afterwards.

It was 17-0 when Dan Read scored under the posts, with Phil Harman adding the extras.

Alchester pulled a penalty back just before half time and they scored a try at the beginning of the second half to reduce their arrears to 17-8.

This proved to be a wake up call for Bletchley.

Eventually their patience was rewarded when a penalty to touch resulted in a line-out for Bletchley 20 metres from the tryline. From the maul, George Harman passed to Griffiths and he scored his second try under the posts to give Bletchley their try bonus point. Harman slotted the conversion to extend Bletchley's lead.

Bletchley were shown a yellow card and Alchester took advantage to make it 24-13, but Adam Dempsey touched down for a full time score of 29-13.

Olney's RFU Intermediate Cup match against Stamford was called off because their opposition pulled out of the game due to injuries.

Olney get a bye to the second round of the competition.

TABLE TENNIS

Baggaley gets Euro call

ENGLAND CALL-UP: Andrew Baggaley

MILTON Keynes table tennis ace Andrew Baggaley has been called up to the England squad for the 2013 Liebherr European Championships.

The tournament begins in Schwechat, Austria, on Friday, and two time Commonwealth gold medallist Baggaley wants to help get England back into the top tier of European table tennis.

He travels to Austria today with England taking on Turkey in the opening game on Friday, and his brother and coach Stephen says the hard work begins in earnest now as he tries to ready himself for next year's Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

"It's always nice for him to be playing at these big events and the European Championships is definitely one of them," Stephen said.

"Andrew wants to help get England back into that top category and he is looking forward to it."

The 30-year-old comes into the tournament having enjoyed a good start to his new Bundesliga campaign in Germany, beating German national champion Steffan Mengal in the first game of this year's competition for his club side SV Pluderhausen.

It has helped earn Baggaley a place in the England team, which will be missing Paul Drinkhall as he is out following hip surgery.

Andrew, a three time national champion who represented Great Britain at the London Olympics, joins Liam Pitchford, Sam Walker and Daniel Reed in the squad for the Euros, which also includes a singles tournament.

Should England beat Turkey in their opening game, they would go on to play Romania in the second round before the singles events, which are yet to be drawn, get under way.

"Andrew is in really good form and has started his Bundesliga campaign well," said Stephen.

"To beat the German national champion shows that he could potentially be winning medals, which would be a dream and something he obviously wants to do. Turkey is going to be a tough first game but Andrew will be up for it. The Commonwealths are the really big one next year but he is already a proven medallist."

The European Championships run from October 4 to 13.

HANDBALL

New handball club wants charity partner

NEWLY-formed handball club the MK Oly Cats are inviting applications to become its official charity partner ahead of their inaugural season.

The Oly Cats are part of the Olympic Catuvellauni family, a modern multi-discipline sports club that was founded in June of this year.

Applications are encouraged from charity groups and not-for-profit organisations who feel they would benefit from partnering with the club for an initial period of 12 months. Managed by the city's very own Bobby White, Great Britain's captain and goalkeeper, the elite handball team is made up of a mixture of senior players who represented Team GB at the London 2012 Olympics and promising talent emerging from the England Regional Academy.

The MK Oly Cats will compete in the Midlands Division One in their debut season in 2013/14, which is one division below the elite Super 8s league.

Ahead of their opening match on October 20, they are looking to form a partnership with a charity that will have a positive impact on the community.

Chris Rivett, chairman and chief executive of Oly Cats, said: "We are ideally looking for a charity that is active locally but we are open to applications from national charities too.

"What is important to us is finding the right partner that we can work with, and one we feel we can make a difference with as a club.

"We are keen to support their fundraising efforts and increase recognition for their cause."

The handball club, which is provisionally based at MK College in Bletchley, is the first arm of Catuvellauni, with the second part of the name being a nod to the Celtic tribe that emerged in ancient Britain to become one of the most powerful tribes in Southern England.

The closing date for applications is October 13 – e-mail chairman@olycats.co.uk for more.

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Flanagan in line for first start of season at Gills

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TOM Flanagan is in line to replace the injured Antony Kay for Saturday's trip to Gillingham as Dons manager Karl Robinson continues his policy of keeping the faith with his young players.

The boss said he had no intention of going into the loan market for back-up after it was revealed that Kay has had hip surgery and will be out for 12 weeks.

The centre back hasn't trained for four weeks, and played through the pain barrier as Flanagan continued the recovery from his own injury.

But Robinson is happy to throw Flanagan straight into the heart of his defence against a club he was on loan to last season, as he sees him as a future stadiummk skipper.

"Antony has played with this injury for four weeks and knew he was going to have the operation last Tuesday," said Robinson.

"I said to Antony that Tom needs a game before he comes into the first team and he put the operation off until Sunday so he played through the pain barrier.

"Antony has been one of the players of the season so far.

"The record for getting back from this injury is ten weeks and he said 'I want to break it'.

"I've got a really good feeling about Tom coming into the first team and I think he can be a future captain of this football club.

"We look a little light in that department but that's where we are and I don't want to bring anybody in because we have the perfect replacement in Tom Flanagan."

In other team news, Daniel Powell could start on Saturday provided that he got through last night's match against Hungerford Town in the Berks & Bucks Senior Cup.

Robinson was intending on giving the winger 60 minutes in the county competition.

Samir Carruthers will also return from a whiplash injury he suffered in the 2-1 defeat to Peterborough United.

Not only does Gillingham represent a chance for Flanagan to play against his former club, but former Dons manager Martin Allen is leading the Gills having guided them to the League Two title last season.

"They have players who have an affinity of playing against us," said Robinson.

"Martin is unique in a good way and he knows what I think of him and how much I respect him."

Dons keeper David Martin will also face off against brother Joe to add extra spice to the encounter.

Meanwhile, Robinson thanked the fans for the incredible atmosphere they created in the 4-1 demolition of Stevenage at the weekend.

"I'm sure there must have been a few comments about the crowd on Saturday on social media," said Robinson.

"At the weekend we had the performance and the support to go with it and for the first time ever we came together as a force and we were unplayable together.

"I don't really know where that came from but maybe for the first time they've seen a team that's hungry and will fight for them.

"It's ten years of football in Milton Keynes which is a tremendous testament to the city and I see our merchandise everywhere now."

Find more Dons content at www.mkweb.co.uk

GAME ON: Tom Flanagan will start against Gillingham on Saturday as he replaces Antony Kay, who will be out for 12 weeks after hip surgery

Wyatt claims title to make rival pay for his absence

CHAMPAGNE MOMENT: Jeff Wyatt after his win in the GT Cup

CITY racer Jeff Wyatt was in sparkling form as he upset the odds to win the 2013 GT Cup Championship.

The BMW M3 driver was a massive 59 points behind leader Alex Martin going into the final round of the 19-race national series at Donnington but he was able to overhaul the gap – aided by Martin's decision not to race at the Leicestershire circuit.

Wyatt's rival instead opted to fulfil a long standing commitment in his Ferrari 458 at the Italian circuit of Monza, but if he thought that the lead he had accumulated would still be enough to claim overall GT Cup glory he was to be sadly mistaken.

A pole position by Wyatt for race one was backed up by victory and he then went on to finish second in race two, which was enough for overall glory.

Martin, on the other hand, is likely to have regretted his absence.

"To win this Championship from a field of stunning GT cars, piloted by some of the country's top driving talent, is a big thrill indeed," said Wyatt.

"That was pressure and I have to admit a bit of a surprise following a few seasons of not much racing.

"We set the car up for this event using all our experience to give me a tool with a chance of winning."

Wyatt is now planning a step up in category for 2014 to either the British GT Championship or the International GT arena, and will be looking for new sponsors to help him with his ambitions for the season.

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Harris Weddings	www.harrisweddings.co.uk
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Hilton Milton Keynes	www.hilton.com
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Mobars	www.mobars.co.uk
Northamptonshire Registration Service	www.yourdaynorthants.com
Oakley Weddings	www.oakleyweddings.com
Old Palace Lodge Hotel	www.oldpalacelodge.com
Once In a Lifetime Bridalwear	www.onceinalifetimebridalwear.co.uk
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Pure Rhythm Disco	www.purerhythmdisco.com
Questor Woburn Boutique	www.woburn-bridal.co.uk
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Sweet Rose Florists	www.sweetrose.co.uk
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The Jazz Brothers	none
The Swan Hotel, JD, Leighton Buzzard	www.jdwetherspoon.co.uk
The Tally Ho Hotel	www.tallyhotel.com
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Tippleston photography	www.tippleston.com
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Woodland Flowers	www.woodland-flowers.co.uk
Woodland Manor Hotel	www.woodlandmanorhotel.co.uk
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